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In a startling turn of events, So-Na's father tells Hae-Gi and So-Na the real reason why he doesn't want them to be together. But Hae-Gi won't let that, or anything, stop him from being with his true love! Determined, he secretly tries to talk to So-Na. When her father finds out, he delivers an ultimatum to the pair. What will the forbidden lovers do?

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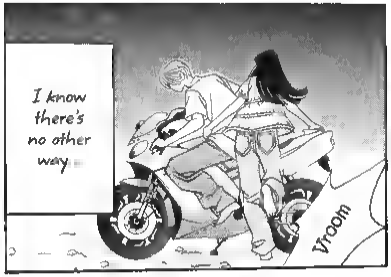
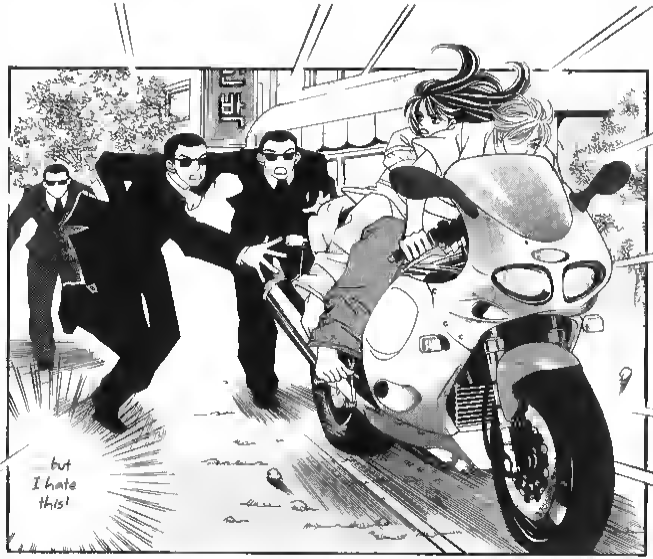
I'm not ready to say goodbye...

C'MON!!!

I know we have to part...


I know there's no other way...
Vroom

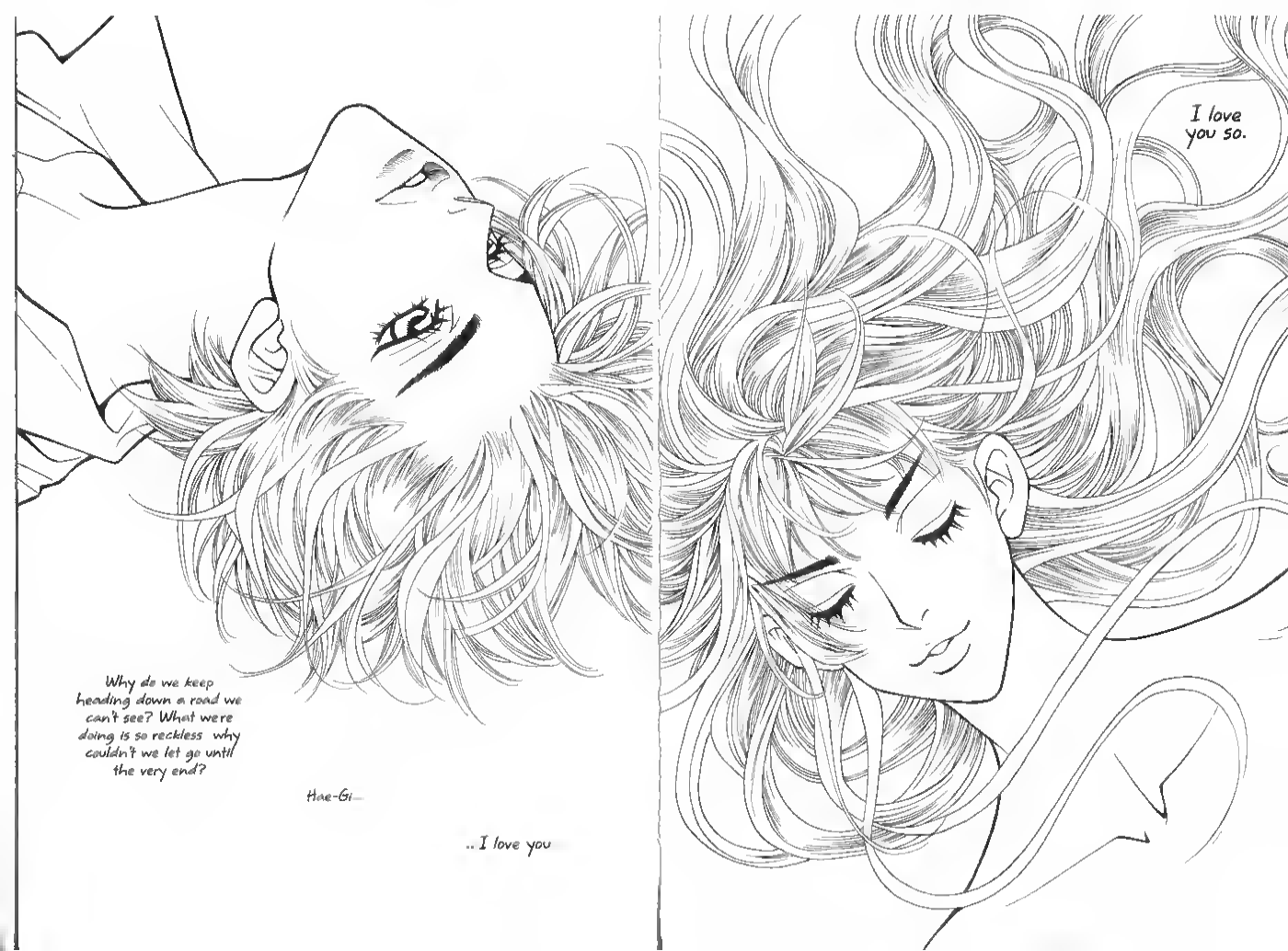

but I hate this!

Once we've parted, we'll never see each other again! And even if we somehow do meet again

things will never be the same. Love fades with time...
...whether you want it to or not
THEY'RE ON BIKES, TOO!!

DON'T STOP!
WE HAVE TO! IT'S TOO DANGEROUS! WE'RE IN THE MOUNTAINS AND I CAN'T SEE WHAT'S AHEAD!
I DON'T CARE. KEEP GOING!

There's nothing ahead of us but darkness. We can't see the road ahead. Not even one ray of light is visible...


Why do we keep heading down a road we can't see? What were doing is so reckless why couldn't we let go until the very end?
Hae-Gi...
..I love you
I love you so.

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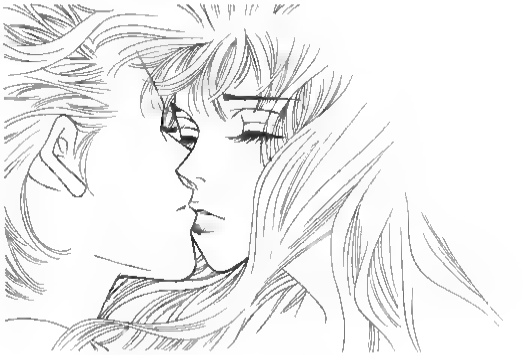
Your sad expression

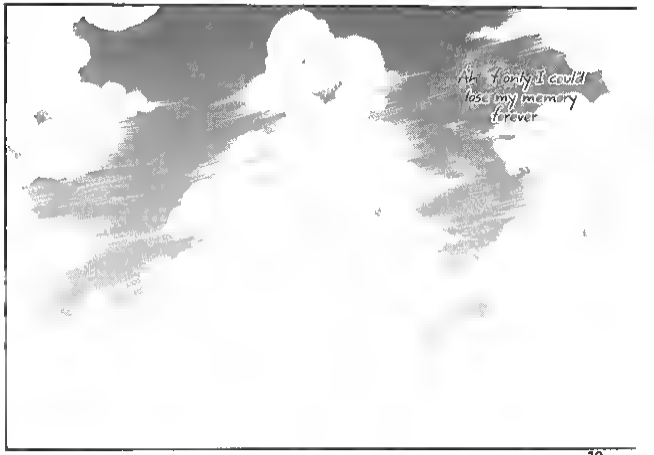
was because of me

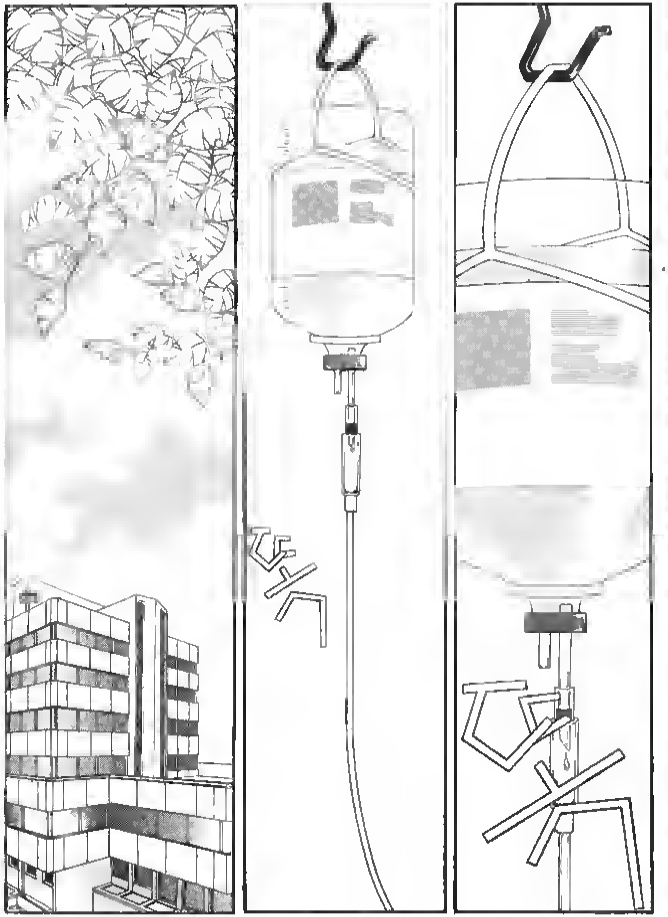
My passion meant nothing
My heart had no strength

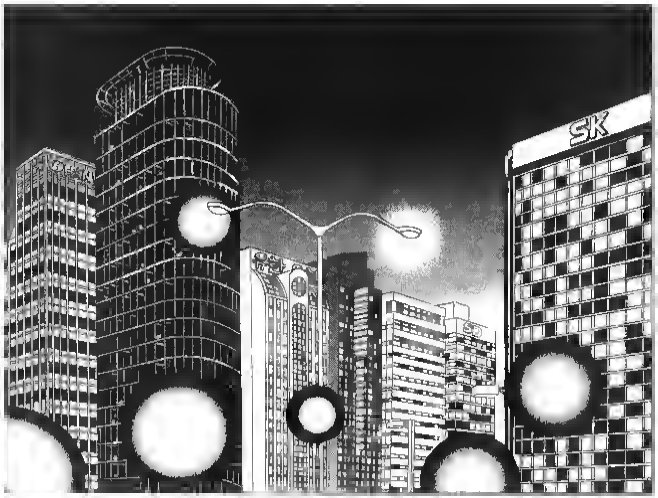
I hate myself for letting
this happen to you. For the first
time in my life, I'm ashamed of
everything that I am

I have no right to love you
Hae-Gi





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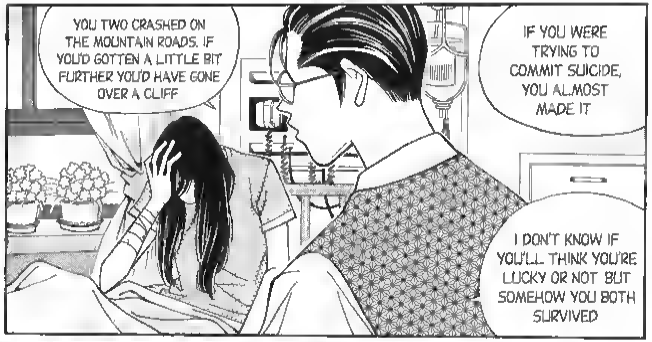
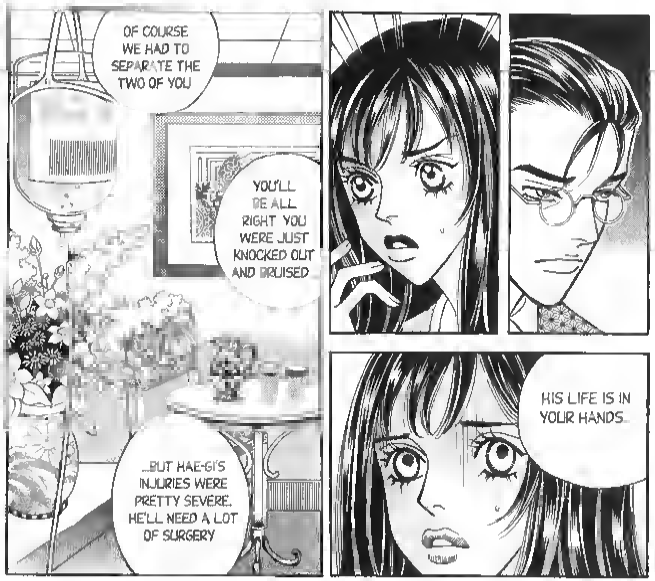
MISS SO-NA.
CAN YOU HEAR ME?
STUPID KIDS

Where's Hae-Gi??
HE'S IN ANOTHER HOSPITAL.
HMPH. THEY SAY FOOLS ARE BRAVE...


YOU TWO CRASHED ON THE MOUNTAIN ROADS. IF YOU'D GOTTEN A LITTLE BIT FURTHER YOU'D HAVE GONE OVER A CLIFF
IF YOU WERE TRYING TO COMMIT SUICIDE, YOU ALMOST MADE IT
I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'LL THINK YOU'RE LUCKY OR NOT BUT SOMEHOW YOU BOTH SURVIVED


OF COURSE WE HAD TO SEPARATE THE TWO OF YOU
YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT YOU WERE JUST KNOCKED OUT AND BRUISED
...BUT HAE-GI'S INJURIES WERE PRETTY SEVERE. HE'LL NEED A LOT OF SURGERY
HIS LIFE IS IN YOUR HANDS...

THIS IS HAE-GI'S MOTHER
!!

Ah...
IF YOU WANT TO SAVE HAE-GI--PROMISE US ALL, IN FRONT OF HIS MOTHER
...THAT YOU'LL NEVER SEE HIM AGAIN!
How can they be so cruel?!
MISS SO-NA.
I'M ASHAMED TO EVEN SPEAK TO YOU AFTER WHAT YOU SUFFERED AT THE HANDS OF MY ELDEST SON, BUT...
I'M BEGGING YOU--SAVE MY SECOND SON!

I DON'T NEED TO KNOW WHY FATE BROUGHT YOU AND HAE-GI TOGETHER BUT PLEASE
..LET'S END THIS TOXIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR FAMILIES NOW
Toxic relationship...?
LOVE..

YOU'LL FORGET LOVE WITH TIME
PLEASE
I CANNOT LOSE HAE GI TOO..

Our destinies shouldn't have brought us together...
Our love only brings pain and despair...
They're asking me to end it...
I SWEAR...

...I.I.L. NEVER SEE HIM AGAIN...

And thus our love came to an end
I was given no choice but to scrape off the emotion out of my heart, no matter how it hurt me...

When Eve was banished from the Garden of Eden it was snowing in the outside world. She was trembling and miserable from the cold she'd never felt before...

...but an angel took pity on her standing there in the snow.

Changing a handful of snow into flowers, it promised her that spring would come again.

Part 29: Snow Drop Consolation

That's why the snow drop means hope and consolation...

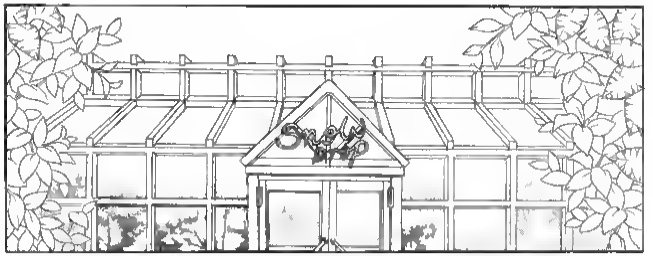
YOUR MOTHER BEGGED ME TO FORGIVE THAT FAMILY AS SHE LAY DYING.

AND YOU— YOU LOVED THE BROTHER OF THE PERSON WHO BROUGHT YOU SO MUCH PAIN...
I CANNOT UNDERSTAND EITHER OF YOU!

I'LL NEVER FORGIVE THEM— UNTIL THE DAY I DIE!

STUPID GIRL!

HOW CAN YOU BE SUCH A FOOL?!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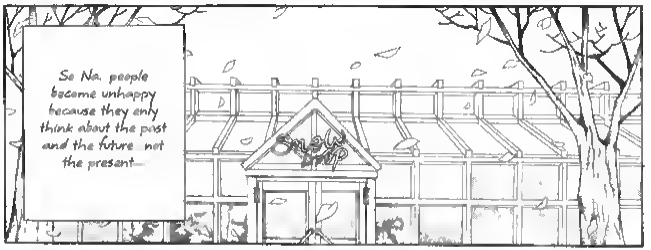
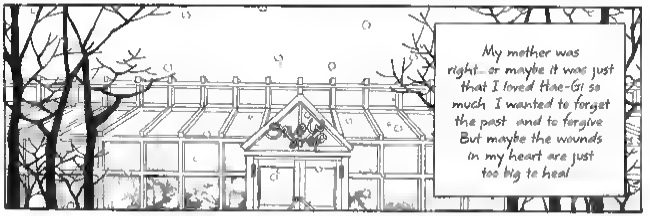
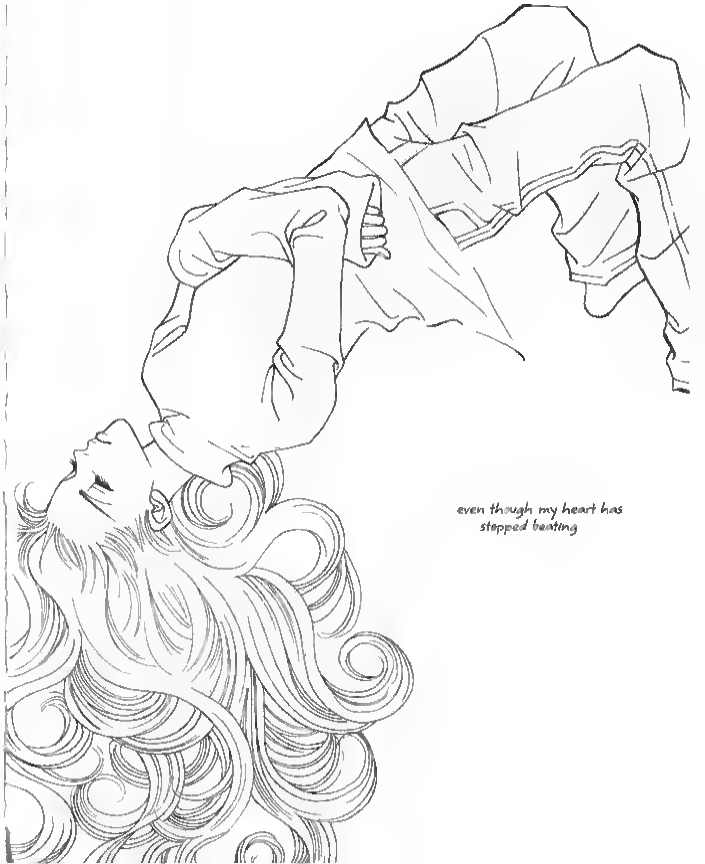

Se Na, people become unhappy because they only think about the past and the future, not the present—
Snow Drop

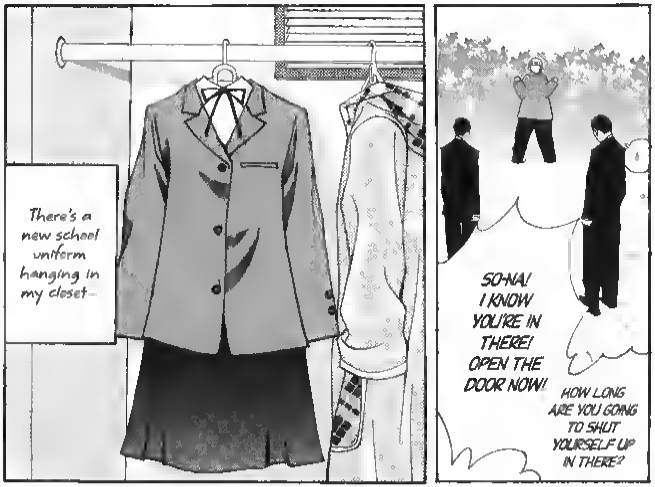

My mother was right... or maybe it was just that I loved Hae-Gi so much I wanted to forget the past and to forgive. But maybe the wounds in my heart are just too big to heal
Snow Drop

Hae-Gi and I weren't the only ones affected by our relationship. We were not alone in the world
Snow Drop

Even if I have to give up my dreams
my tears have a life of their own and refuse to dry up
They won't stop

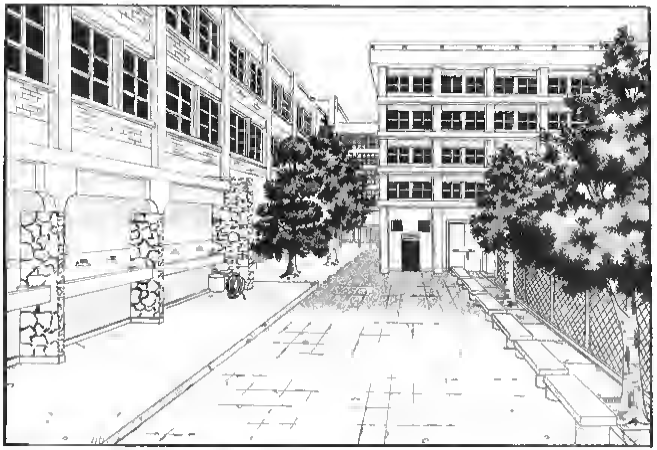

even though my heart has stopped beating

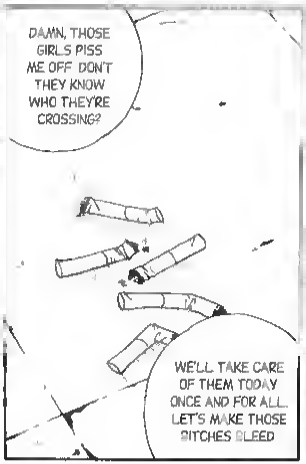
This is all I know. Hae-Gi and his whole family were sent to America

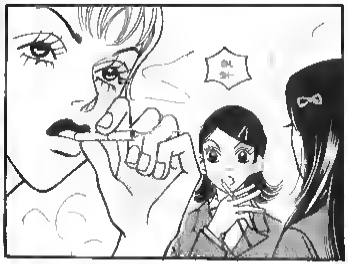

There's a new school uniform hanging in my closet—
SO-NA! I KNOW YOU'RE IN THERE! OPEN THE DOOR NOW!
HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO SHUT YOURSELF UP IN THERE?

...and I have a friend who comes by every day and yells
HADA
We are now all—

...18 years old



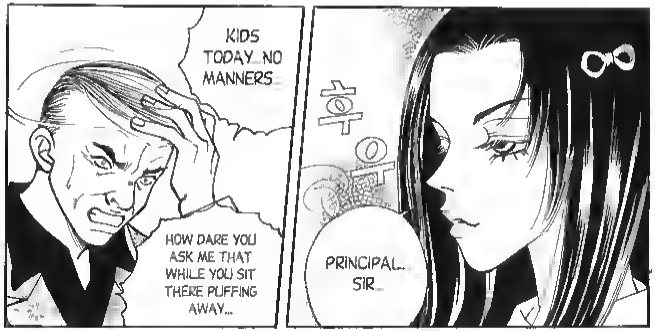

DAMN, THOSE GIRLS PISS ME OFF. DON'T THEY KNOW WHO THEY'RE CROSSING?
WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THEM TODAY ONCE AND FOR ALL. LET'S MAKE THOSE BITCHES BLEED



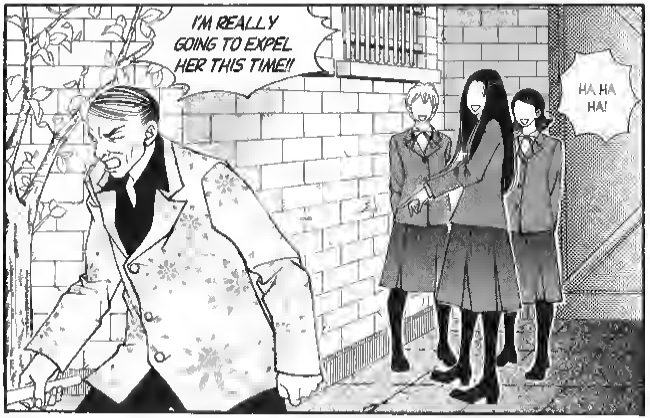
AHA! I CAUGHT YOU GIRLS THIS TIME!

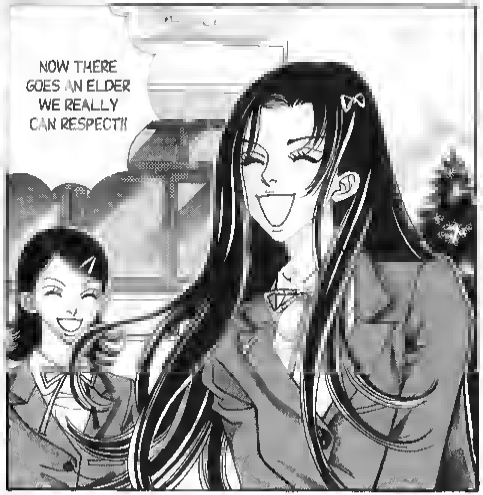
RELAX.
DON'T TRY RUNNING AWAY FROM ME!

WHAT SEEMS TO BE THE PROBLEM?
YOU--!!


KIDS TODAY...NO MANNERS...
HOW DARE YOU ASK ME THAT WHILE YOU SIT THERE PUFFING AWAY...
PRINCIPAL... SIR...

RUNNING LOW ON MONEY, ARE WE?
CALL MY FATHER AGAIN AND THIS TIME HAVE A LITTLE PRIDE. AFTER ALL, YOU CAUGHT ME SMOKING. ASK FOR MORE...


I'M REALLY GOING TO EXPEL HER THIS TIME!!
HA HA HA!


NOW THERE GOES AN ELDER WE REALLY CAN RESPECT!!

OH MAN! YOU REALLY PUSHED HIS BUTTONS!
THERE'S NEVER BEEN A GIRL LIKE YOU AT THIS SCHOOL! IT'S ALWAYS BEEN JUST A BUNCH OF PRISSY RICH KIDS

WHY DID YOU WAIT 'TIL SENIOR YEAR TO TRANSFER? IF YOU'D BEEN HERE EARLIER WE'D HAVE HAD SO MUCH FUN
OH, I THINK WE CAN STILL HAVE PLENTY OF FUN...
SERIOUSLY HOW DO YOU GET AWAY WITH SO MUCH WHEN YOUR FATHER'S A POLITICIAN?
AHA! SO THERE YOU ARE

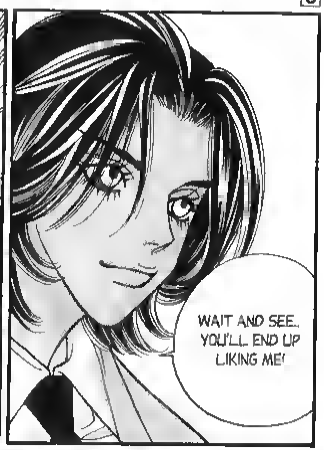
OOH...
IT'S HWI-RIM...

NOW...
YOU...

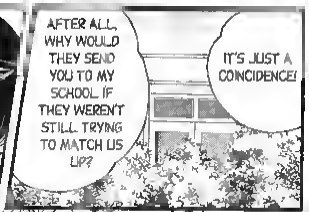
...AND YOU.

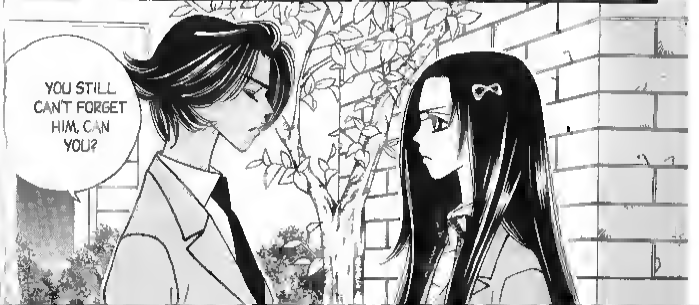
...GET LOST!!

HWI-RIM. WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO GIVE IT UP? YOU KNOW THAT I'M NOT INTERESTED IN YOU.


WAIT AND SEE.. YOU'LL END UP LIKING ME!

YOU'RE PATHETIC.
YOUR FATHER DOESN'T THINK SO


AFTER ALL, WHY WOULD THEY SEND YOU TO MY SCHOOL IF THEY WEREN'T STILL TRYING TO MATCH US UP?
IT'S JUST A COINCIDENCE!


YOU STILL CAN'T FORGET HIM, CAN YOU?

NO SO LEAVE ME ALONE.
I'LL MAKE YOU FORGET HAE-GI JUST WAIT
Hae-Gi. I have to bury our sorrowful 17th summer deep in my heart .
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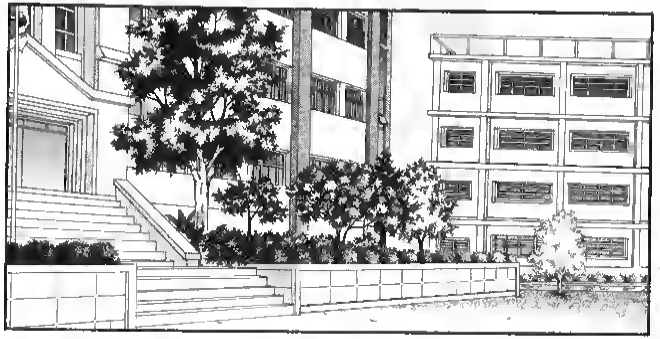

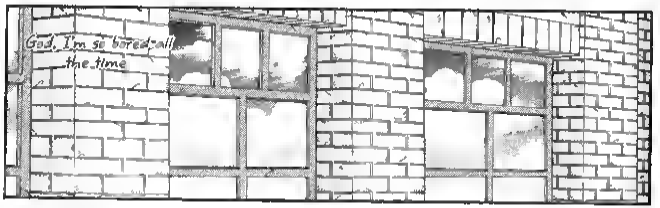

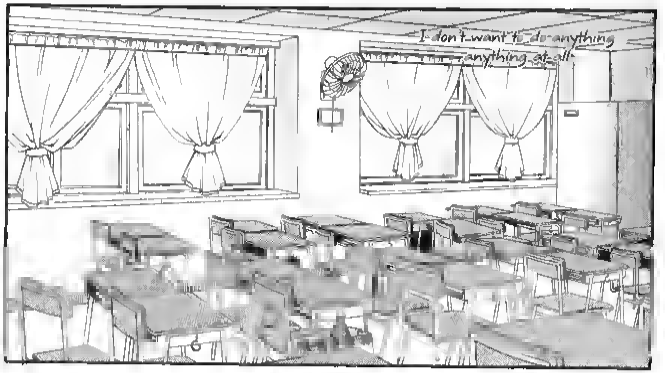

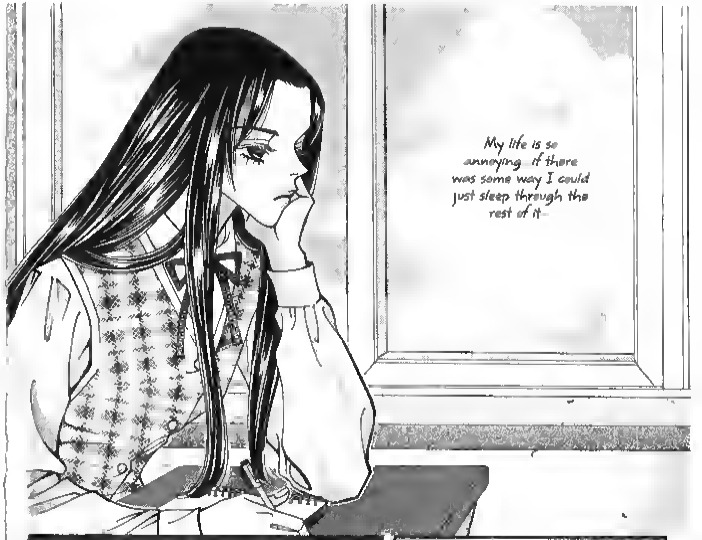

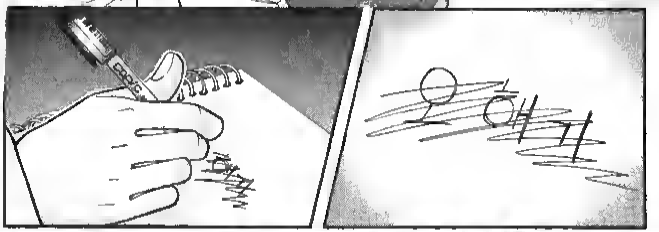

*Hae-Gi *Oh Hae-Gi

THANK GOD THAT LAME CLASS IS OVER!
DOESN'T IT SEEM LIKE SCHOOL JUST DRAGS ON FOREVER EACH DAY? SERIOUSLY!
CAN I TALK TO YOU FOR A SEC?
LEVI'S

I HEARD YOU HAVEN'T JOINED ANY CLUBS YET.
WHY DON'T YOU JOIN OUR MOVIE CLUB?
WE GET TOGETHER TO SEE MOVIES ON THE WEEKENDS AND THEN WE DISCUSS THEM. I THINK YOU'D ENJOY IT!
THANKS FOR ASKING BUT NO
BESIDES I'LL BE GETTING KICKED OUT PRETTY SOON. I'M PRETTY SURE THE PRINCIPAL MEANT IT THIS TIME!
HE'S SO PATHETIC..
AH..
WELL, HOW ABOUT A DATE, THEN?!

WOULD YOU GO OUT WITH ME?
WELL.. WHAT A SURPRISE!!
SO THAT'S WHAT OUR CLASS PRESIDENT'S TYPE IS..
YOU SHOULD SAY YES. SO-NA!!
I HOPE YOU ARE ALL STRUCK BY LIGHTNING!
STUPID KIDS ACTING THAT WAY IN A SACRED PLACE LIKE SCHOOL..

?
MISTER CLASS PRESIDENT
..YOUR TIE IS CROOKED
YOU'D ASK A GIRL TO GO OUT LOOKING LIKE THIS? TSK..

UH...
SO-NA IS MINE. TOUCH HER AND YOU DIE.
EXCUSE ME, I'M WHAT?!
MINE!
I'M REALLY GETTING SICK OF YOU, LOSER. I DON'T BELONG TO ANYONE, ESPECIALLY NOT YOU!

AND I DON'T WANT TO GO OUT WITH ANYONE... EITHER!
That sneaky bastard

ROMEO
BAR
SO-NA, WHAT ARE YOU DOING ALL ALONE IN THE CORNER?
MAN, YOU'RE TOTALLY WASTED AREN'T YOU?!
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HEY... INTRODUCE ME TO YOUR FRIEND!
SHE'S SO DRUNK...
SHE'S SO CUTE...
FORGET IT! SHE'S A FRIEND OF THE CLUB'S OWNER, JANG HA-DA! DON'T MESS WITH HER IF YOU VALUE YOUR LIFE!
IT'S CREEPY HOW SHE ONLY LAUGHS WHEN SHE'S DRUNK AND SHE DOESN'T LOOK HAPPY AT ALL...
Who's Jang Ha-Da?
I told you idiot!
I GUESS IT'S TRUE THAT SHE'S REALLY SELF DESTRUCTIVE...
WHY DOES SHE KEEP COMING TO ROMEO'S EVERY NIGHT IF SHE DOESN'T ENJOY HERSELF? I WONDER IF SHE'S LOOKING FOR SOMEONE...

I KNEW I'D FIND YOU HERE...
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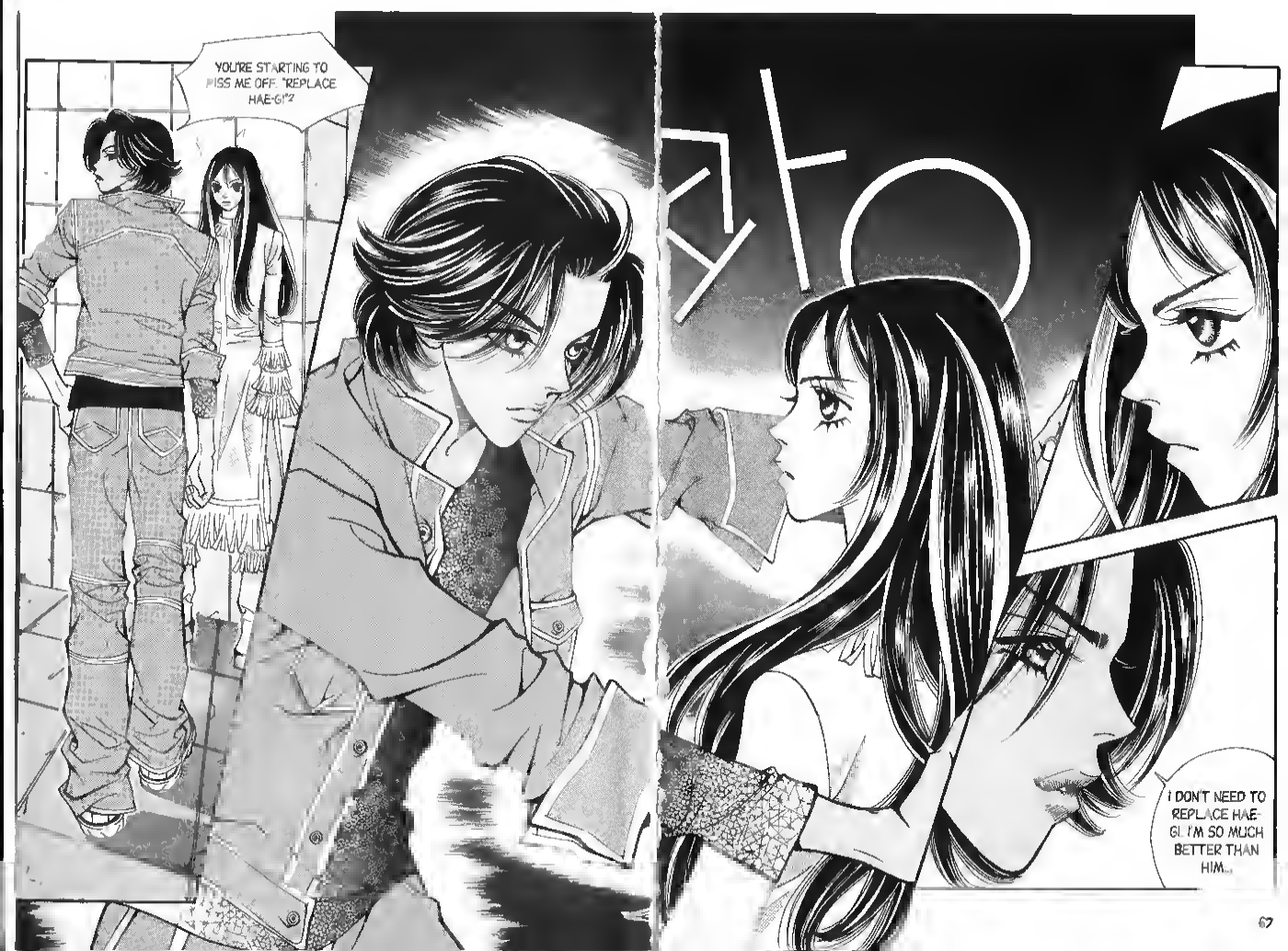
DO DRINKING AND SMOKING REALLY MAKE YOU FEEL ANY BETTER? IF YOU WANT TO OBLITERATE YOURSELF, WHY NOT GO ALL THE WAY AND JUST COMMIT SUICIDE?
YOU CAN WAIT HERE AT ROMEO'S AS MUCH AS YOU WANT--HAE-GI IS NEVER GOING TO SHOW UP
GIVE ME MY CIGARETTE...

NO
GIVE IT BACK!!
IT'S ALMOST LIKE KISSING YOU
휙
?
AH HA HA!

CALM DOWN! ARE YOU STILL MAD ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED ON OUR TRIP? I SAID I WAS SORRY..
GO AWAY!!
I MEAN, IT SO-NA! I'M REALLY SORRY!
LEAVE ME ALONE! DO YOU THINK A PATHETIC BASTARD LIKE YOU COULD EVER REPLACE HAE-GI?!

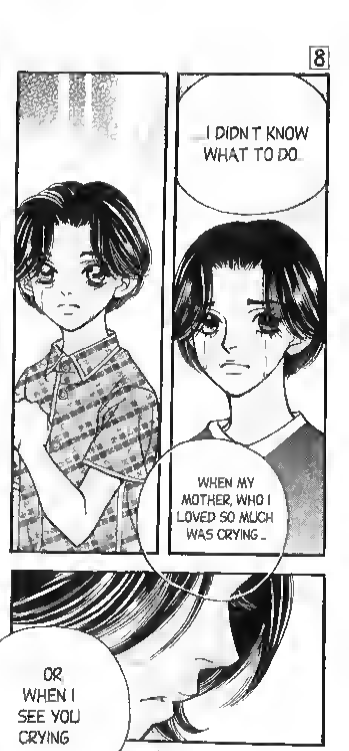

YOU'RE STARTING TO PISS ME OFF. "REPLACE HAE-GI"?
I DON'T NEED TO REPLACE HAE-GI. I'M SO MUCH BETTER THAN HIM...

ONLY AN IDIOT LIKE YOU WOULD SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT! LET GO OF ME, ASSHOLE!!
I'LL KEEP WAITING FOR YOU TO COME TO YOUR SENSES, SO-NA! BECAUSE YOU WILL, EVENTUALLY!
DON'T YOU GET IT? I'M NOT JOKING AROUND! I LIKED YOU FROM THE MOMENT I SAW YOU. I ONLY ACTED LIKE SUCH A JERK TO GET BACK AT MY GRANDFATHER...
...AND WHEN I FOUND OUT ABOUT YOU AND HAE-GI I LOST IT! I ACTED LIKE AN ANIMAL! EVEN IF YOU CAN NEVER FORGIVE ME FOR HOW I'VE BEHAVED
...I CAN'T HELP BUT LIKE YOU, SO-NA...
EVERY DAY I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU. YOU MIGHT THINK I'M CRAZY, BUT I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU THINK

...I'M CRAZY ABOUT YOU
A LONG TIME AGO THERE WAS SOMEONE WHO SOLD ME WHEN SHE NEEDED SOME MONEY...AND LATER ON SHE WAS SORRY...

..AND SHE CRIED
...SAYING THAT SHE WANTED TO SEE ME JUST ONE MORE TIME
BUT THEY CHASED HER AWAY

"WHEN SHE CRIED LIKE THAT..


...I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO
WHEN MY MOTHER, WHO I LOVED SO MUCH WAS CRYING..
OR WHEN I SEE YOU CRYING

..I CAN'T STAND IT I CAN'T STAND TO SEE THE PEOPLE I LOVE IN PAIN
I JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO

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BUT I KNOW THIS...

...JUST THIS ONE THING

I WILL NEVER LOSE SOMEONE I CARE ABOUT EVER AGAIN

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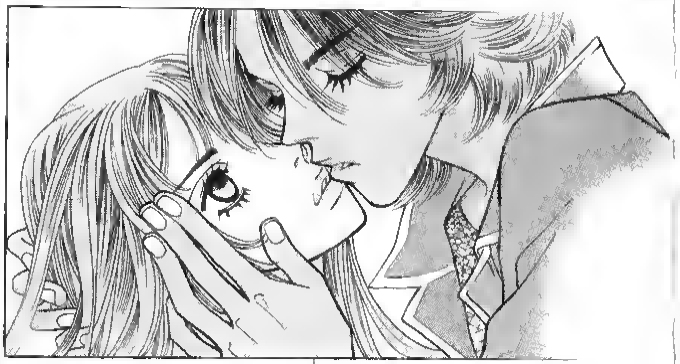
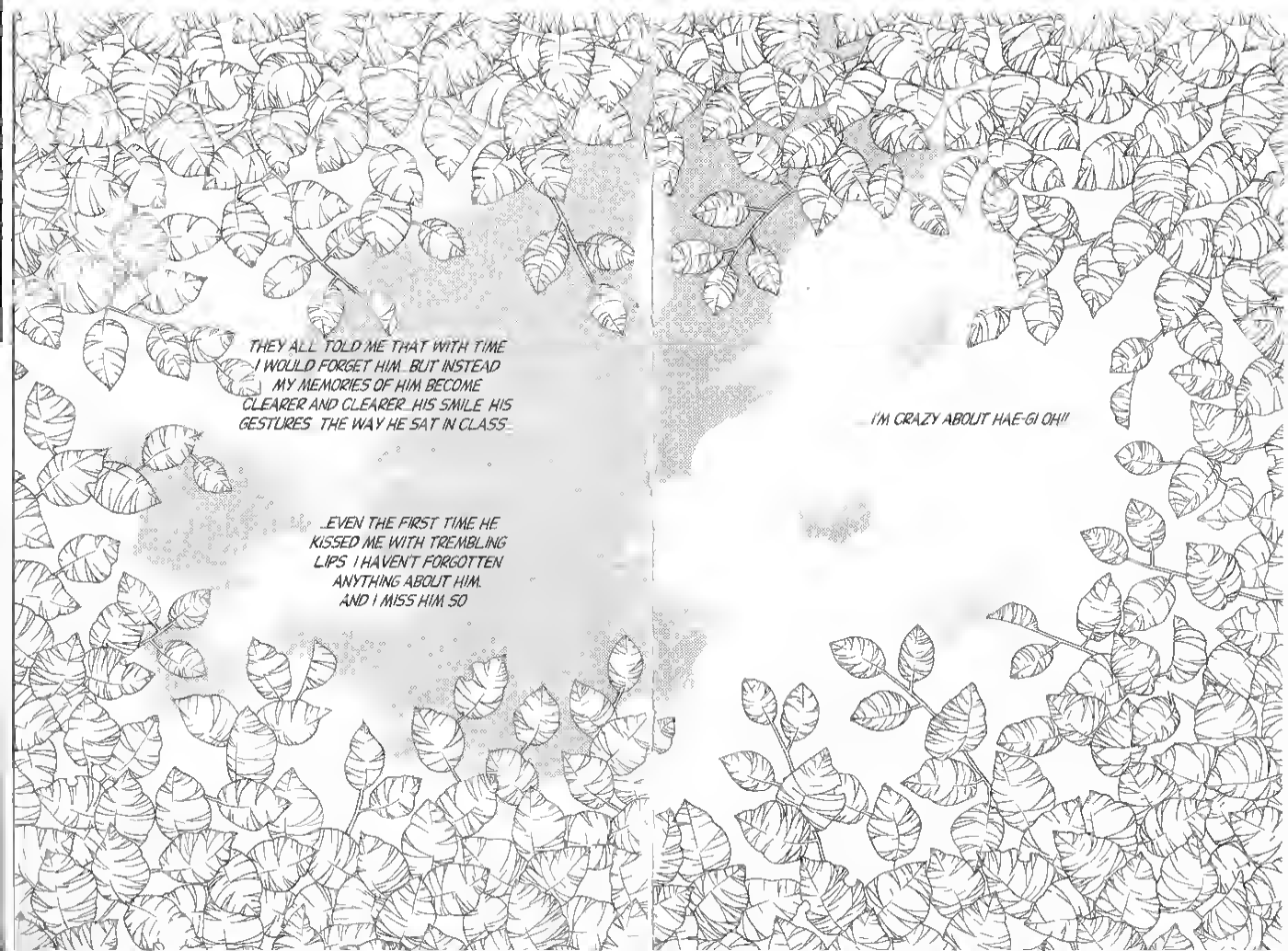


Please, Se-Na.

—give me a chance

LISTEN TO ME, HWI-RIM.
YOU MIGHT KISS ME A THOUSAND TIMES BUT WOULD IT THRILL ME AS MUCH AS ONE KISS FROM HAE-GI?
YOU MIGHT LOVE ME EVERY DAY BUT WOULD YOUR LOVE BE AS SWEET AS HAE-GI'S?


THEY ALL TOLD ME THAT WITH TIME I WOULD FORGET HIM. BUT INSTEAD MY MEMORIES OF HIM BECOME CLEARER AND CLEARER. HIS SMILE. HIS GESTURES. THE WAY HE SAT IN CLASS.
..EVEN THE FIRST TIME HE KISSED ME WITH TREMBLING LIPS. I HAVENT FORGOTTEN ANYTHING ABOUT HIM. AND I MISS HIM SO
..I'M CRAZY ABOUT HAE-GI OH!!

I'M GRATEFUL FOR THE LAST FEW DAYS WE HAD TOGETHER. I CAN STILL FEEL HIS HANDS ON ME. THE POUNDING OF MY HEART AND THE SPINNING IN MY HEAD...
BAD
I WILL LOVE HIM FOREVER.

BUZZ
WHO'S THERE?
IT'S ME.
"ME"? WHO'S "ME"?
DON'T BE A JERK. LET ME IN
WE'RE NOT BUYING WHATEVER IT IS YOU'RE SELLING. SO--
FINE
I'LL JUST LEAVE THEN!!
벌컥
SWEETIE, DIDN'T I TELL YOU NOT TO BOTHER ME?

SWEETIE? GO TO HELL. I BRING YOU SOMETHING DELICIOUS TO EAT AND THIS IS HOW YOU ACT?
YOU CAN JUST STARVE FOR ALL I CARE!!
OH, DARLING HOW CAN YOU BE SO CRUEL? GIVE ME THE FOOD
YOU NEVER CHANGE HA-DA.
STILL GOOD-LOOKING, RIGHT?
I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU
WHAT ON EARTH DID YOU DO TO YOURSELF? DID YOU HAVE TO TAKE OUT YOUR TEMPER ON YOUR POOR, INNOCENT HAIR...? IT LOOKS LIKE--
THAT'S IT! STARVE.

HO HO HO!

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SO HOW HAVE YOU BEEN? ARE YOU STILL IN SCHOOL?

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DEC
JAN
WELL...
KO-MO
COME BACK
MAR
I NEED YOU...
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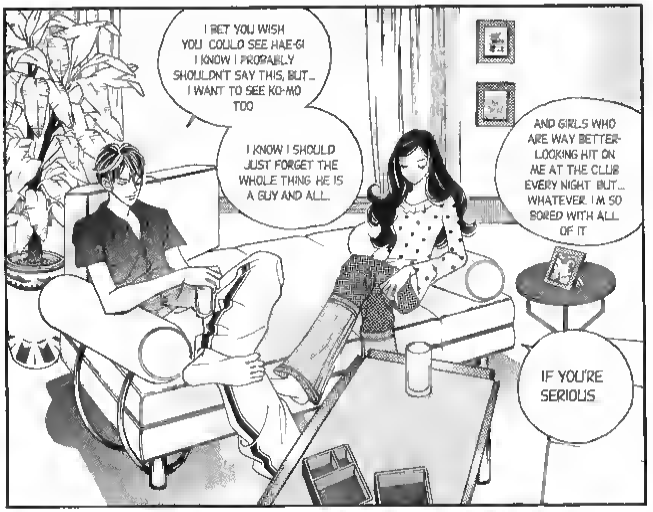
Finally homeless
HOW SAD...
IT WASN'T THAT BAD! STOP IMAGINING THINGS!


I BET YOU WISH YOU COULD SEE HAE-GI
I KNOW I PROBABLY SHOULDN'T SAY THIS, BUT... I WANT TO SEE KO-MO TOO
I KNOW I SHOULD JUST FORGET THE WHOLE THING. HE IS A GUY AND ALL...
AND GIRLS WHO ARE WAY BETTER-LOOKING HIT ON ME AT THE CLUB EVERY NIGHT. BUT... WHATEVER. I'M SO BORED WITH ALL OF IT.
IF YOU'RE SERIOUS

IF A PERSON TRULY CARES ABOUT ANOTHER PERSON...DOES IT MATTER WHAT GENDER THEY ARE?
YES...BECAUSE THE WORLD DOESN'T ACCEPT HOMOSEXUALITY... IF PEOPLE THOUGHT I WAS GAY THEY'D TREAT ME LIKE I WAS CRAZY.
WELL... DON'T THEY ALREADY? SO WHAT'S TO LOSE?

WOULD YOU STILL BE MY FRIEND.. IF I WERE GAY?
OF COURSE! WOULD YOU TURN ON ME IF I SAID I LIKED GIRLS?
REALLY HA-DA, IT'S NOT LIKE YOU TO BE SO INSECURE.
SO-NA! I LOVE YOU! YOU'RE THE BEST FRIEND IN THE WORLD!
STOP!
IDIOT!! I CAN'T BREATHE!!
LET'S GO TO AMERICA!

WHAT?
REMEMBER, MY MOTHER LIVES IN NEW YORK CITY. DON'T YOU KNOW WHERE HAE-GI AND KO-MO ARE? THAT'S RIGHT...
NEW YORK
COME WITH ME!! WE'LL GO AND FIND THEM!! WE'LL RUN AWAY FROM OUR STUPID FATHERS AND...DO YOU THINK THEY'D CHASE US ALL THE WAY TO NEW YORK?
I NEED TO FIND OUT HOW I FEEL ONCE AND FOR ALL.. I NEED TO SEE KO MO AND FIGURE THIS OUT
I DON'T THINK I'M GAY BUT I REALLY LIKE KO-MO
I NEED TO KNOW WHY I CAN'T GET HIM OUT OF MY HEART...
OUR PARENTS MURDERED THEIR OLDEST BROTHER!

DO YOU THINK THEY COULD EVER FORGIVE AND FORGET MUCH LESS LOVE US?

YOU DID! YOU LOVED HAE-GI AFTER HIS BROTHER—

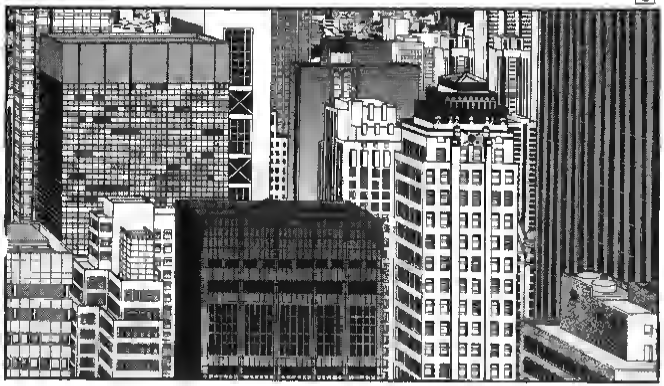
LOOK, I SWORE, IN FRONT OF HAE-GI'S MOTHER, THAT I WOULD NEVER TRY TO SEE HIM AGAIN.

A LOVE THAT ONLY BRINGS PAIN AND SUFFERING IS NOT TRULY LOVE!
TAKE CARE, HA-DA.
IF THAT'S HOW YOU REALLY FEEL, THEN, WHY DON'T YOU FORGET HIM COMPLETELY AND FIND HAPPINESS. CAN YOU REALLY DO THAT?

ARE YOU HAPPY, SO-NA?!

HMM

Happiness...?



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I have to forget about you Hae-Gi

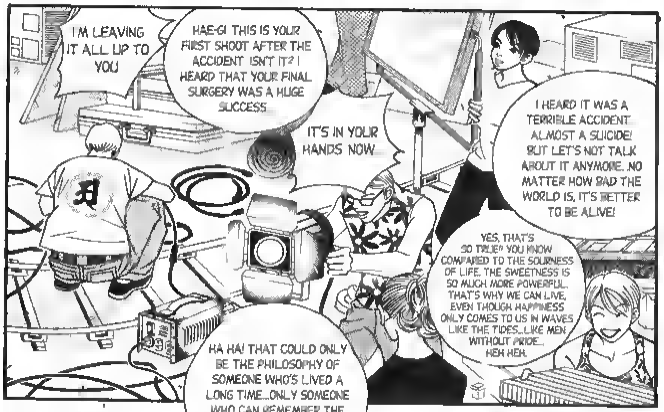
But every day I'm sighing unable to stop thinking about you

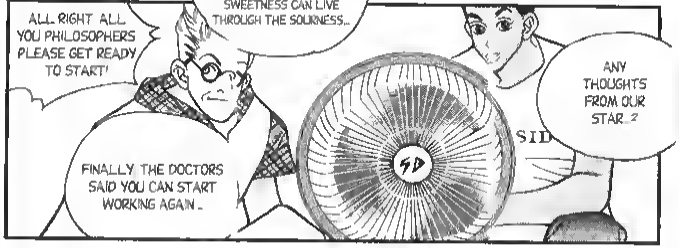
wishing that somehow things could be different

If I truly, completely forget all about you... would happiness really find me?

Hae Gi-

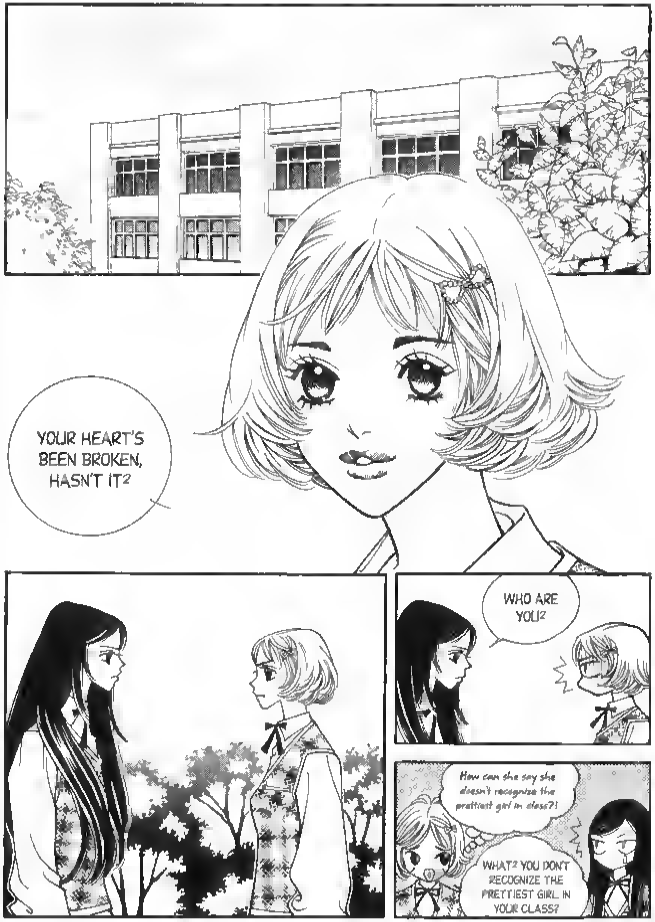
THIS SUMMER, WE HAVE TO MAKE IT IN ELLA MAGAZINE!
MR GARNIER!

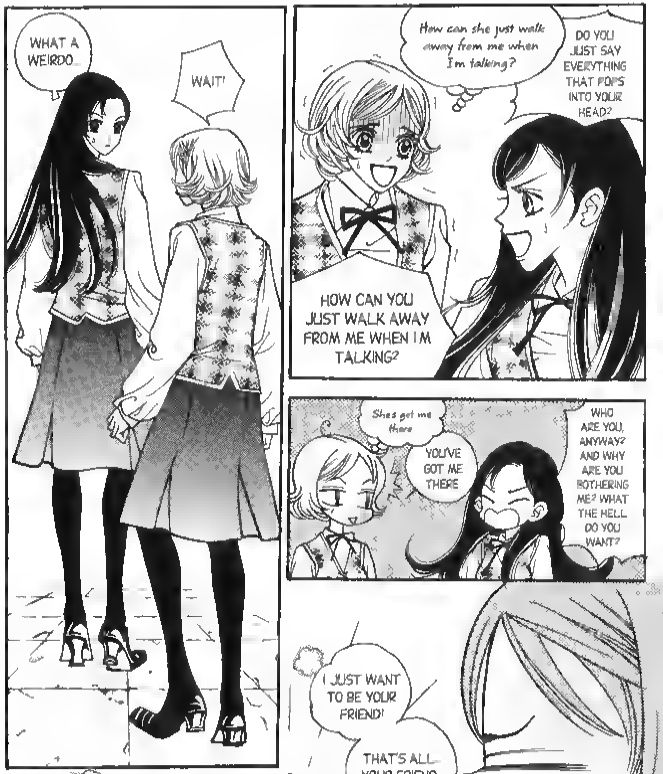

I'M LEAVING IT ALL UP TO YOU
HAE-GI THIS IS YOUR FIRST SHOOT AFTER THE ACCIDENT ISN'T IT? I HEARD THAT YOUR FINAL SURGERY WAS A HUGE SUCCESS
IT'S IN YOUR HANDS NOW
I HEARD IT WAS A TERRIBLE ACCIDENT ALMOST A SUICIDE! BUT LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT IT ANYMORE. NO MATTER HOW BAD THE WORLD IS, IT'S BETTER TO BE ALIVE!
YES, THAT'S SO TRUE! YOU KNOW COMPARED TO THE SOURNESS OF LIFE, THE SWEETNESS IS SO MUCH MORE POWERFUL. THAT'S WHY WE CAN LIVE, EVEN THOUGH HAPPINESS ONLY COMES TO US IN WAVES LIKE THE TIDES... LIKE MEN WITHOUT PRIDE... HEH HEH.
HA HA! THAT COULD ONLY BE THE PHILOSOPHY OF SOMEONE WHO'S LIVED A LONG TIME...ONLY SOMEONE WHO CAN REMEMBER THE SWEETNESS CAN LIVE THROUGH THE SOURNESS...

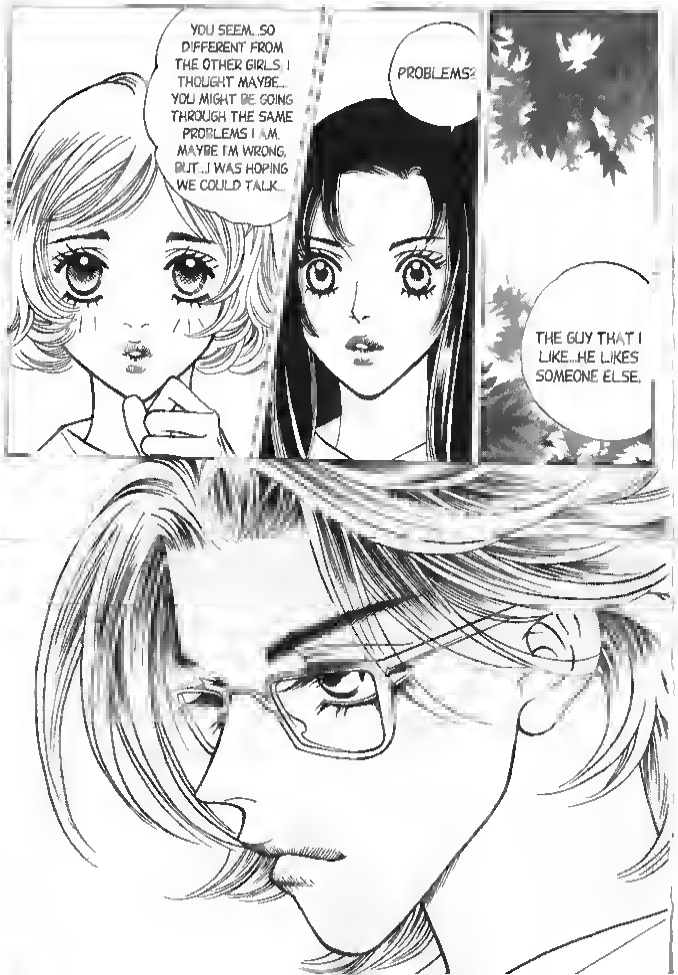

ALL RIGHT ALL YOU PHILOSOPHERS PLEASE GET READY TO START!
FINALLY THE DOCTORS SAID YOU CAN START WORKING AGAIN..
ANY THOUGHTS FROM OUR STAR..?

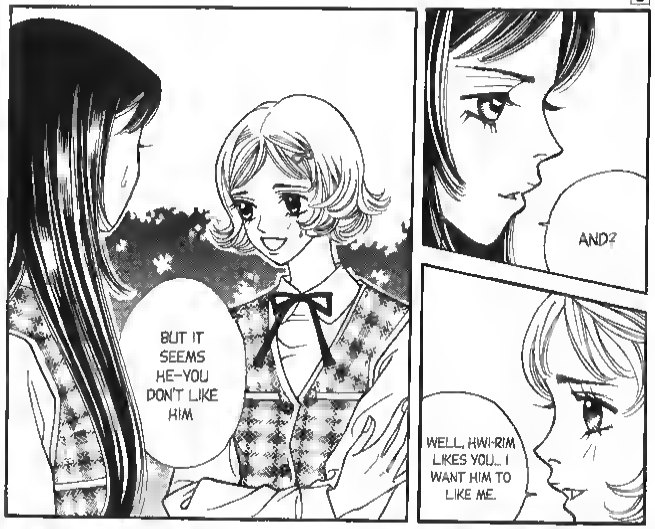
SARANG HAE.
*I love you.

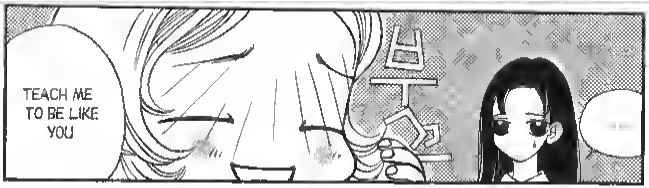
?
HAE-GI! YOU KNOW WE CAN'T UNDERSTAND KOREAN! I BET YOU SAID A BAD WORD!
I WILL BE A BIG STAR!
WHAT?
HA HA HA HA HA !!
YOU CAN DO IT! WE'LL ALL HELP YOU, HAE-GI!

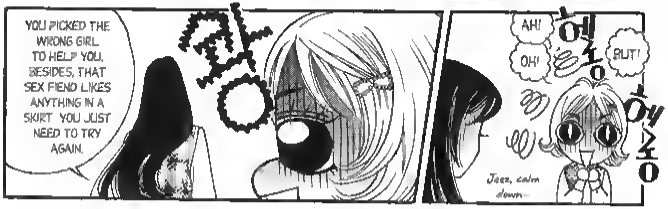

YOUR HEART'S BEEN BROKEN, HASN'T IT?
WHO ARE YOU!?
How can she say she doesn't recognize the prettiest girl in class?!
WHAT? YOU DON'T RECOGNIZE THE PRETTIEST GIRL IN YOUR CLASS?

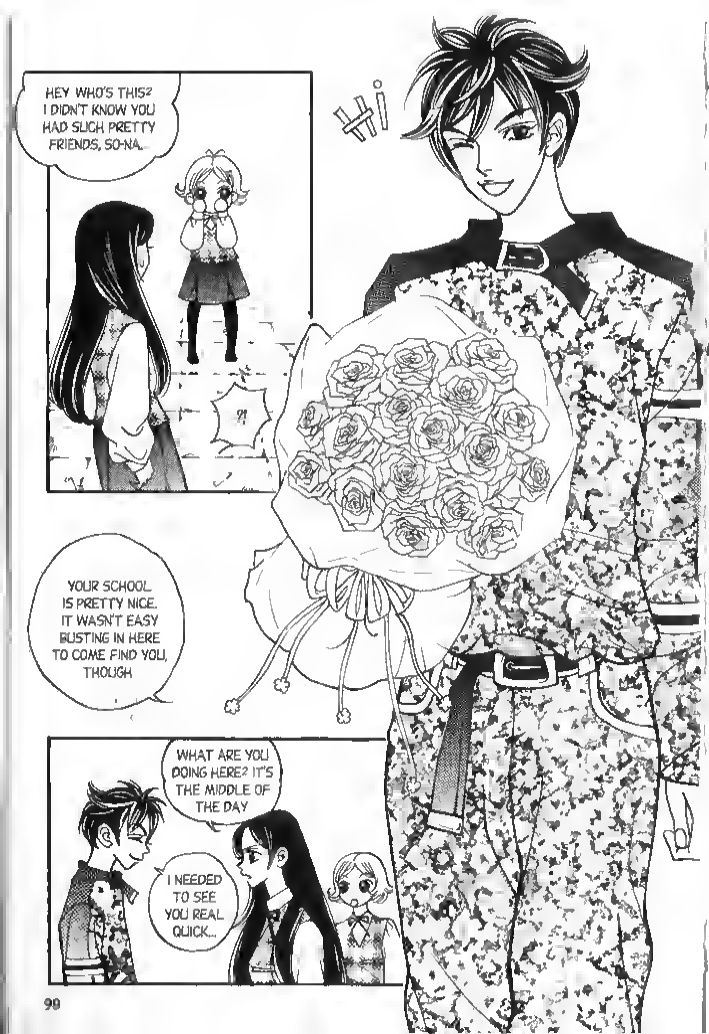

WHAT A WEIRDO.
WAIT!
How can she just walk away from me when I'm talking?
DO YOU JUST SAY EVERYTHING THAT POPS INTO YOUR HEAD?
HOW CAN YOU JUST WALK AWAY FROM ME WHEN I'M TALKING?
She's got me there
YOU'VE GOT ME THERE
WHO ARE YOU, ANYWAY? AND WHY ARE YOU BOTHERING ME? WHAT THE HELL DO YOU WANT?
I JUST WANT TO BE YOUR FRIEND!
THAT'S ALL... YOUR FRIEND...


YOU SEEM..SO DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHER GIRLS. I THOUGHT MAYBE... YOU MIGHT BE GOING THROUGH THE SAME PROBLEMS I AM. MAYBE I'M WRONG, BUT...I WAS HOPING WE COULD TALK...
PROBLEMS?
THE GUY THAT I LIKE...HE LIKES SOMEONE ELSE.

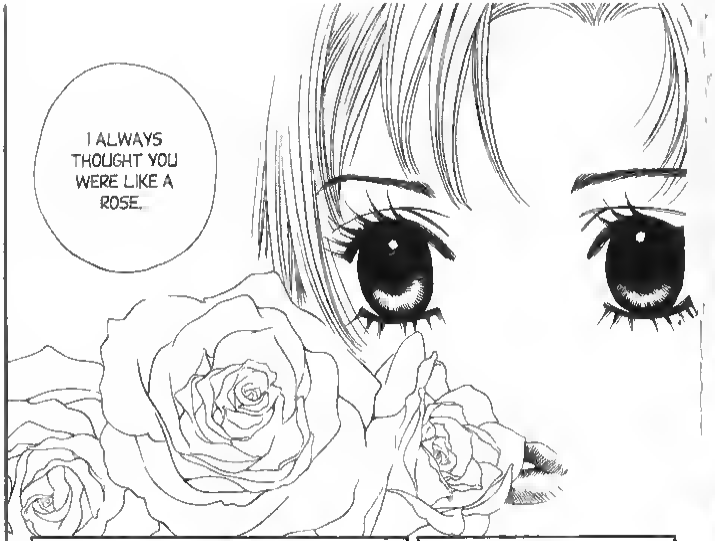

BUT IT SEEMS HE-YOU DON'T LIKE HIM.
AND?
WELL, HWI-RIM LIKES YOU... I WANT HIM TO LIKE ME.

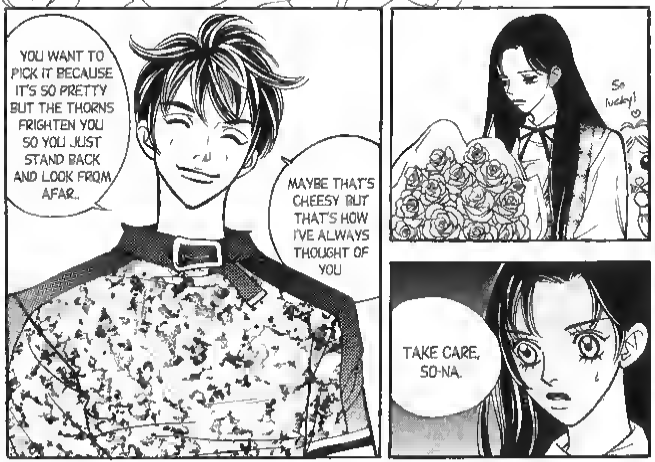

TEACH ME TO BE LIKE YOU


YOU PICKED THE WRONG GIRL TO HELP YOU. BESIDES, THAT SEX FIEND LIKES ANYTHING IN A SKIRT. YOU JUST NEED TO TRY AGAIN.
AH!
OH!
BUT!
Jaes, calm down.


HEY WHO'S THIS? I DIDN'T KNOW YOU HAD SUCH PRETTY FRIENDS, SO-NA...
Hi
YOUR SCHOOL IS PRETTY NICE. IT WASN'T EASY BUSTING IN HERE TO COME FIND YOU, THOUGH
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? IT'S THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY
I NEEDED TO SEE YOU REAL QUICK...

I'M FLYING TO THE US THIS EVENING.
He's lying!
HERE.
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO GIVE YOU FLOWERS LIKE THIS.


I ALWAYS THOUGHT YOU WERE LIKE A ROSE.


YOU WANT TO PICK IT BECAUSE IT'S SO PRETTY BUT THE THORNS FRIGHTEN YOU SO YOU JUST STAND BACK AND LOOK FROM AFAR..
MAYBE THAT'S CHEESY BUT THAT'S HOW I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT OF YOU

So lucky!

TAKE CARE, SO-NA.

Are you really going?

You? Ha-Da Jang?
Can you really...?

I'm struck speechless by you.
Can this be a joke? Will you turn up tomorrow, laughing about this?
I don't believe this. I'll always be able to find you laughing and playing
You're lying

SO-NA!

HEY, SO-NA!
WHAT ARE YOU WORRIED THAT I RAN OFF TO NEW YORK WITH HA-DA?

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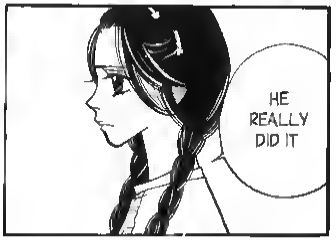
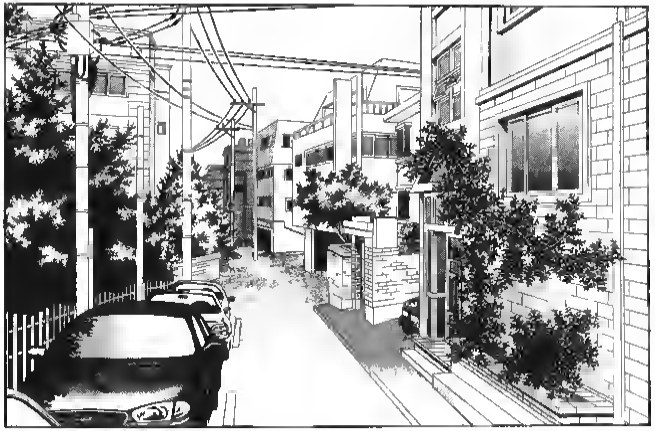
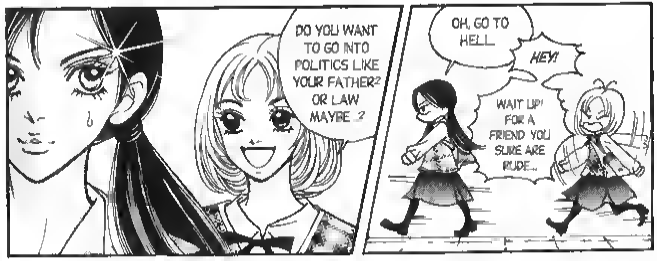

HE REALLY DID IT

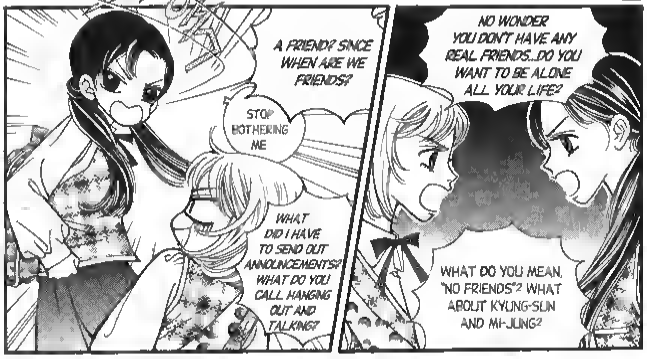
HE'S CRAZY
I CAN'T BELIEVE HE RAN OFF BEHIND HIS FATHER'S BACK. I'M SURE HE'LL BE BACK SOON BEGGING FOR MONEY...
AND HE DID IT FOR KO-MO? I MEAN THAT'S—
DON'T BE LIKE THAT. HA-DA IS SINCERE ABOUT KO-MO. HE NEEDED TO GO AND RESOLVE THINGS BETWEEN THEM. HE WENT TO GET SOME ANSWERS.
INSTEAD OF JUST SITTING AROUND MOPING ABOUT IT
HIS FIRST AMERICAN PHOTO SHOOT
HE'S BRAVER THAN ME!
DO YOU WANT TO GO TOO? DO YOU REALLY THINK HE'S SO BRAVE?
THEN I GUESS YOU HAVEN'T SEEN THIS YET.

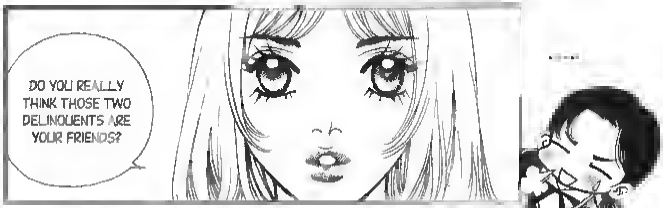
WHY DID YOU BRING ME THIS?
I TOLD YOU, I'M CONFIDENT.

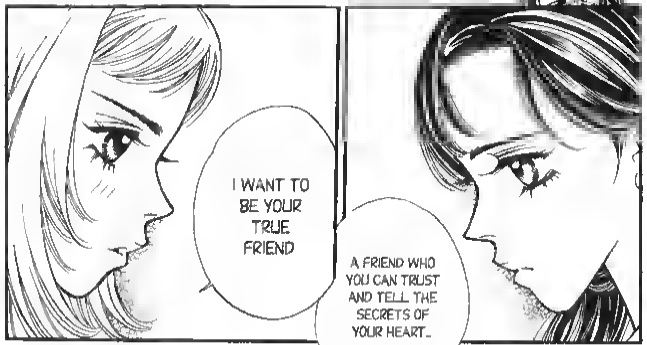


TELL ME WHAT YOU LIKE.
MOVIES, MUSIC SINGERS...
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO WITH YOUR LIFE? WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO STUDY IN COLLEGE?


DO YOU WANT TO GO INTO POLITICS LIKE YOUR FATHER? OR LAW MAYBE...?
OH, GO TO HELL...
HEY!
WAIT UP! FOR A FRIEND YOU SURE ARE RUDE...


A FRIEND? SINCE WHEN ARE WE FRIENDS?
STOP BOTHERING ME.
WHAT DID I HAVE TO SEND OUT ANNOUNCEMENTS? WHAT DO YOU CALL HANGING OUT AND TALKING?
NO WONDER YOU DON'T HAVE ANY REAL FRIENDS...DO YOU WANT TO BE ALONE ALL YOUR LIFE?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "NO FRIENDS"? WHAT ABOUT KYUNG-SUN AND MI-JUNG?

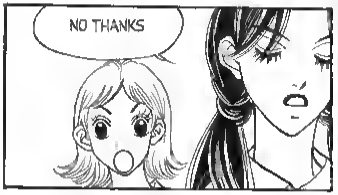

DO YOU REALLY THINK THOSE TWO DELINQUENTS ARE YOUR FRIENDS?


I WANT TO BE YOUR TRUE FRIEND
A FRIEND WHO YOU CAN TRUST AND TELL THE SECRETS OF YOUR HEART...

BUT IF YOU REALLY DON'T WANT ME AROUND I'LL LEAVE YOU ALONE. YOUR FAMILY IS WAY ABOVE MINE, SO IF YOU DON'T THINK I'M GOOD ENOUGH FOR YOU...
...I HAVE MY PRIDE TOO
I'm not used to making friends anymore I feel so awkward And she's not even the type of girl I like
...but...
WAIT
WHAT?
SCHOOL'S THIS WAY WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
OH, I WAS-
HUH?
I WAS GOING TO GO BUY SOME STATIONERY! I KNOW WHICH WAY I WAS GOING... AHEM...
I'm the one who wants a friend who I can trust and tell the secrets of my heart
I'LL GO WITH YOU

This suffocating...
frustration...

SO-NA!
SO-NA!
LET'S SEE A MOVIE AFTER SCHOOL!

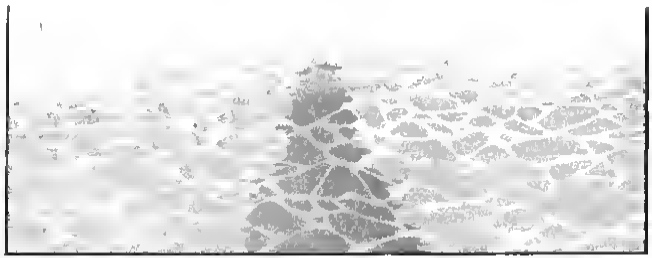

NO THANKS

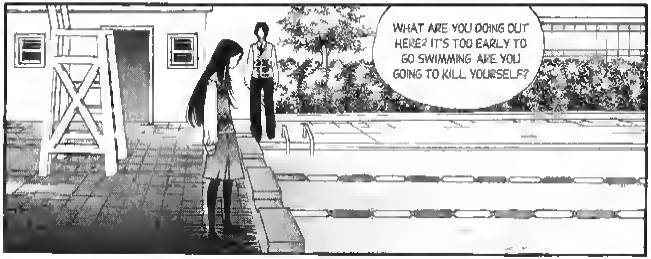
WOW!!
I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM/HIM ACT SO CUTE BEFORE!
THIS IS A NEW SIDE OF HIM!

WHO IS THAT?
HEH, HEH!
HOW CUTE!
YOU DON'T THINK I CAN BE CUTE?
YOU DON'T KNOW ME AT ALL..
I CAN DO ANYTHING FOR YOU, SO-NA!
WOO-HOO!!
ALL RIGHT – LET'S SEE YOU DANCE NAKED!
In our sacred school?!
ANYTHING FOR YOU MY DEAR..

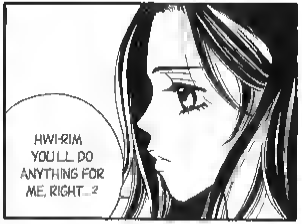
OH, OH!!
NO MORE, HWI-RIM!
HWI-RIM KWON!!
WOW, HE'S PRETTY HOT
WHAT AN IDIOT
OOH...SO CUTE..I LIKE HIM EVEN MORE..
TAKE IT ALL OFF!!
STOP IT!! KWON HWI-RIM, COME WITH ME.
LET ME GET MY CLOTHES ON—
COME WITH ME RIGHT NOW!
MY CLOTHES..

HEY DID YOU SEE THIS PICTURE YET?
WHAT? WHO?
HEE HEE!
CHECK IT OUT-- I'M GOING TO MARRY THAT GUY!! ISN'T HE AWESOME?
LOOK!
WOW!!!
HE'S GORGEOUS! WHO IS HE?
HEY, LET ME SEE!
Nasty little snobs!
WATCH OUT! DON'T WRINKLE IT!
STOP SHOVING!
HEY!
MY LOVE...
HAE-GI OH
ELLA




WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT HERE? IT'S TOO EARLY TO GO SWIMMING. ARE YOU GOING TO KILL YOURSELF?

IF SO.. DON'T YOU THINK A MAJESTIC OCEAN WOULD BE BETTER THAN A CRAPPY POOL LIKE THIS?


HWI-RIM YOU'LL DO ANYTHING FOR ME, RIGHT..?

JUMP IN AND DROWN YOURSELF!

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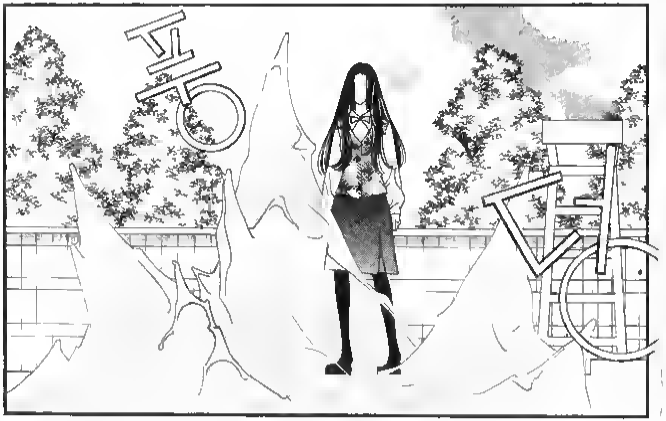
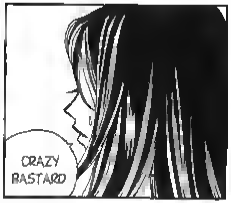
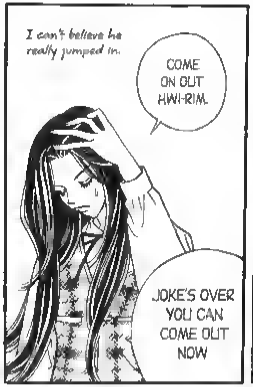
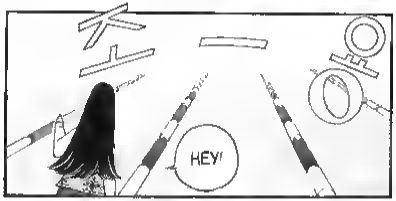
YOU WANT TO SEE MY BODY AGAIN THAT BADLY? YOU CAN JUST ASK ME ANYTIME, YOU KNOW ..

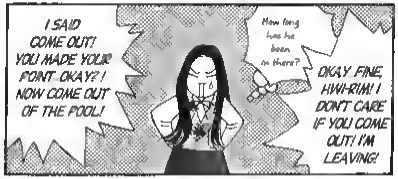



CRAZY BASTARD

JOKE'S OVER YOU CAN COME OUT NOW


I can't believe he really jumped in.
COME ON OUT HWI-RIM.


HEY!


I SAID COME OUT! YOU MADE YOUR POINT. OKAY? ! NOW COME OUT OF THE POOL!
How long has he been in there?
OKAY. FINE, HWI-RIM! I DON'T CARE IF YOU COME OUT! I'M LEAVING!

WHAT AN IDIOT!
DO YOU THINK I CARE IF YOU DROWN YOURSELF? CRAZY BASTARD...
THEN DIE, AND GO BACK TO WHERE YOU CAME FROM--WHICH IS HELL!! AND HAVE A GREAT TIME THERE!
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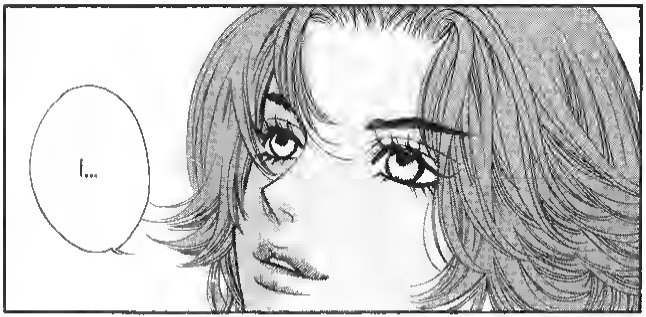
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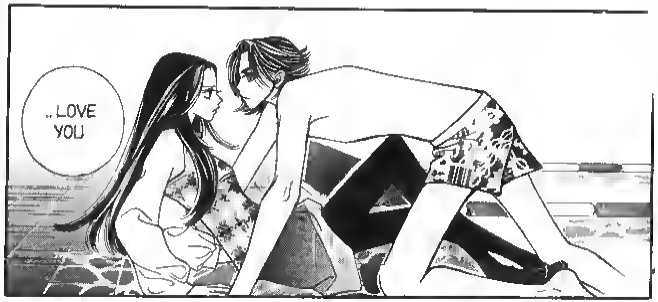
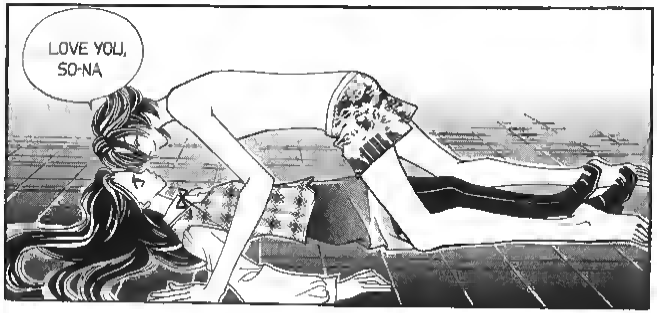
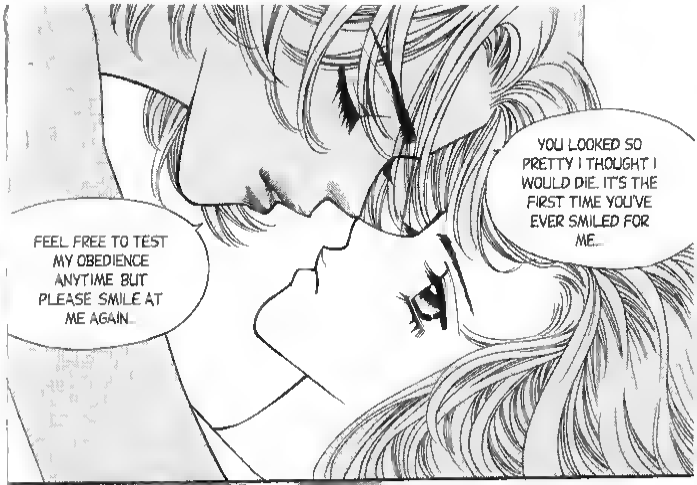
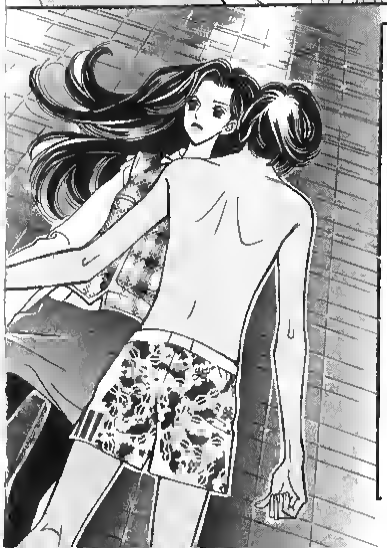
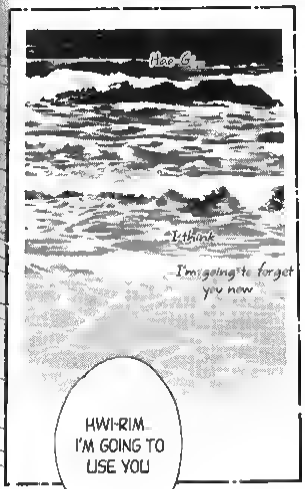




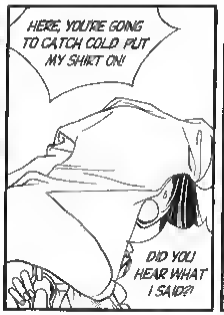

FEEL FREE TO TEST MY OBEDIENCE ANYTIME BUT PLEASE SMILE AT ME AGAIN..
YOU LOOKED SO PRETTY I THOUGHT I WOULD DIE. IT'S THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE EVER SMILED FOR ME...



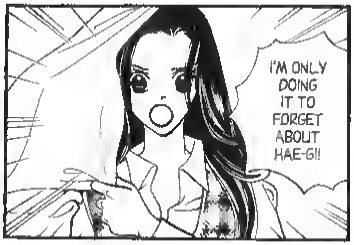


HWI-RIM.. I'M GOING TO USE YOU

WELL, GIRLS ARE BORN TO USE MEN, AREN'T THEY...?
WE'VE BOTH ALL WET.. HOW ARE WE GOING TO EXPLAIN THIS?
I'M SERIOUS. I NEED TO FORGET ABOUT HAE-GI AND TO DO THAT MAYBE I'LL GO OUT WITH YOU


HERE, YOU'RE GOING TO CATCH COLD. PUT MY SHIRT ON!
DID YOU HEAR WHAT I SAID?

I HEARD! YOU SAID YOU'LL GO OUT WITH ME!
All my hard work has been rewarded !


I'M ONLY DOING IT TO FORGET ABOUT HAE-GI!

She pushed him too far.

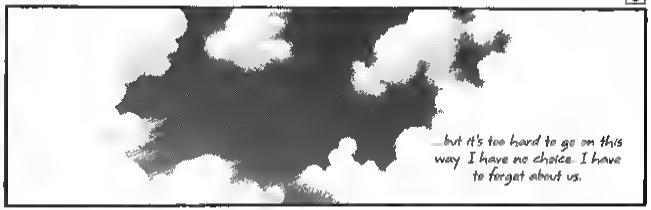
ARE YOU SERIOUS?! FORGET IT! USE SOMEONE ELSE!

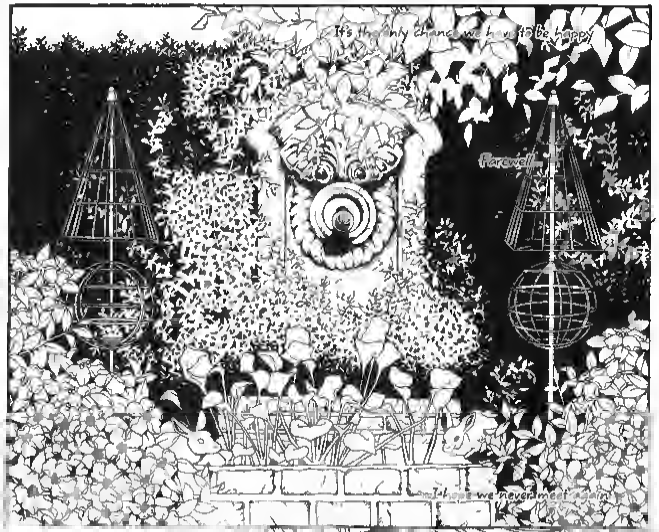
SINCE I'VE BEEN NICE TO HER, SHE THINKS SHE CAN DO WHATEVER SHE WANTS
BUT...

FINE! I CAN FIND A MAN ANYWHERE!
Hey wait!

I'LL KILL YOU...
HEY, YOU'RE THE ONE WHO TOLD ME TO FIND SOMEONE ELSE...
AH, COME ON! I WAS ONLY JOKING..

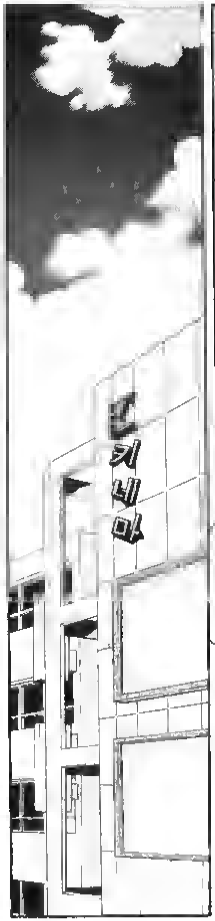
Hae-Gi... I still love you...





YOU LIKE FLOWERS HAE GI?
AH
I KNOW A GIRL WHO LOVES FLOWERS. WHEN I SEE THEM, I'M REMINDED OF HER...
YOUR GIRLFRIEND?
YES
YOU MUST REALLY CARE ABOUT HER ! HOPE YOU NEVER LET HER GO
HA HA...
MR. GARNIER.. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO WORK AGAIN
I SHOULD BE THE ONE THANKING YOU FOR COMING BACK TO WORK SO QUICKLY AFTER WHAT HAPPENED
I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYONE WORK THE WAY YOU DO, ESPECIALLY A MODEL. BUT YOU SHOULD KNOW
...THINGS ARE ONLY GOING TO GET HARDER..
...WE'VE DECIDED TO PUT YOU IN A MOVIE!

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO REALLY BECOME WORLD-FAMOUS!
YOU KNOW THE COMPANY SEES GREAT POTENTIAL IN YOU, HAE-GI. BUT WHAT HAPPENS IS GOING TO DEPEND UPON YOU AND THE EFFORT YOU PUT IN.
WHERE YOU GO FROM HERE... IT'S REALLY UP TO YOU.
OUR FIRST STAGE IS GOING TO BE ALL OF ASIA.



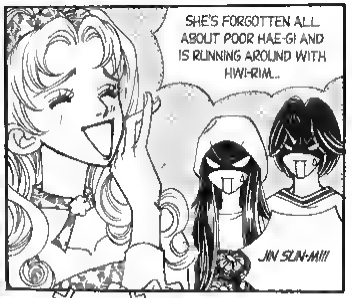
EVEN THOUGH I'LL PROBABLY BE TAKING OVER MY GRANDFATHER'S COMPANIES, I STILL WANT TO GO ABROAD AND STUDY SCULPTURE IN ITALY IF I CAN.
REALLY? SCULPTURE?

OH YES. THERE'S NOTHING MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN THE NUDE FEMALE BODY. ALTHOUGH I'M JUST A BEGINNER RIGHT NOW
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU HAD ANY ARTISTIC TALENT...

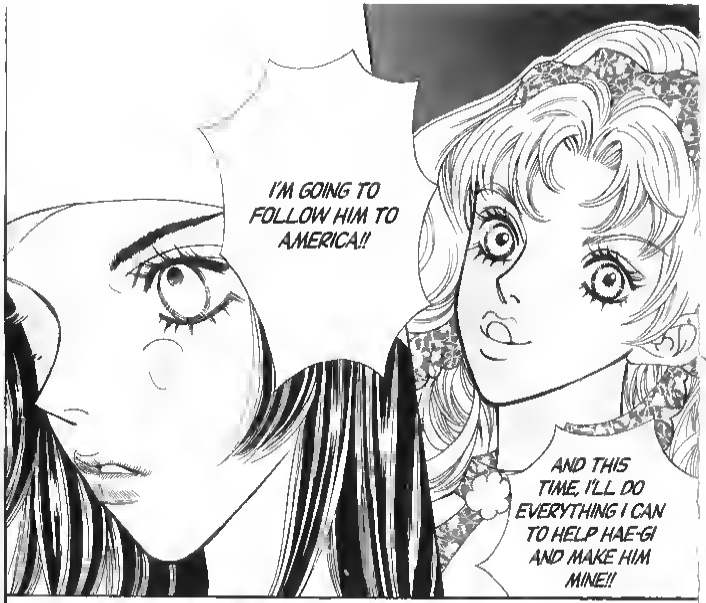
I'M MAKING A STATUE OF YOU RIGHT NOW

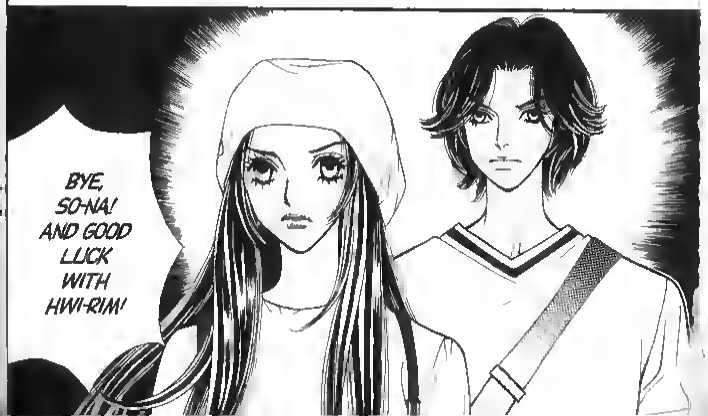
SO I'LL BE NEEDING SOME EXACT MEASUREMENTS!
AH! YOU'RE THE KING OF ALL PERVERTS!

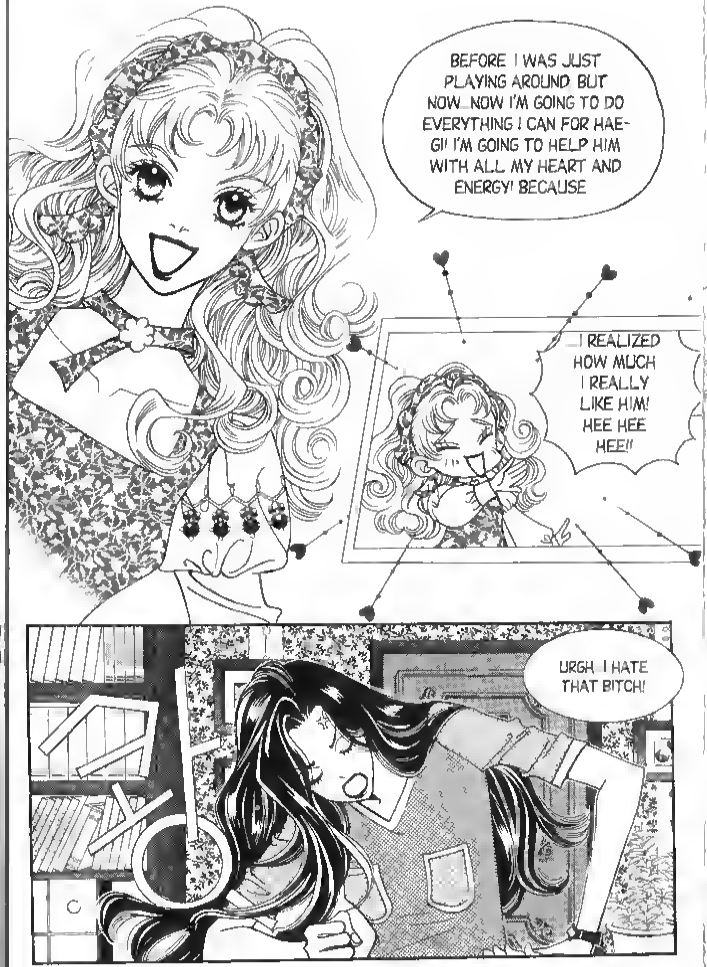
OH MY, OH MY!! I GUESS ALL THE GOSSIP IS TRUE..!

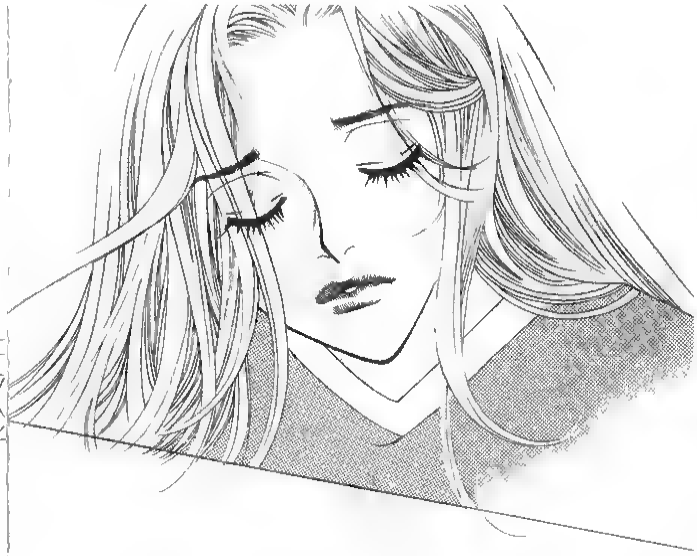

SHE'S FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT POOR HAE-GI AND IS RUNNING AROUND WITH HWI-RIM...
JIN SUN-MI!!!

I GUESS THIS MEANS HAE-GI IS ALL MINE NOW!!!


I'M GOING TO FOLLOW HIM TO AMERICA!!
AND THIS TIME, I'LL DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO HELP HAE-GI AND MAKE HIM MINE!!


BYE, SO-NA! AND GOOD LUCK WITH HWI-RIM!


BEFORE I WAS JUST PLAYING AROUND BUT NOW...NOW I'M GOING TO DO EVERYTHING I CAN FOR HAE-GI! I'M GOING TO HELP HIM WITH ALL MY HEART AND ENERGY! BECAUSE
...I REALIZED HOW MUCH I REALLY LIKE HIM! HEE HEE HEE!!
URGH...I HATE THAT BITCH!



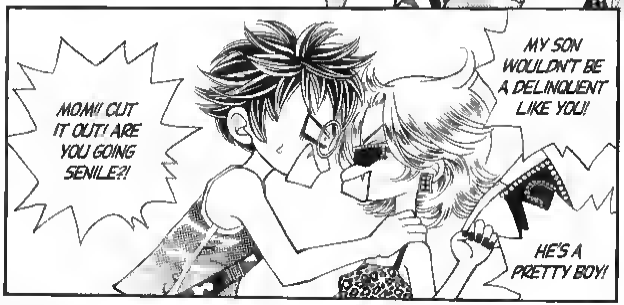
OH, HELLO, MY DARLING SON!

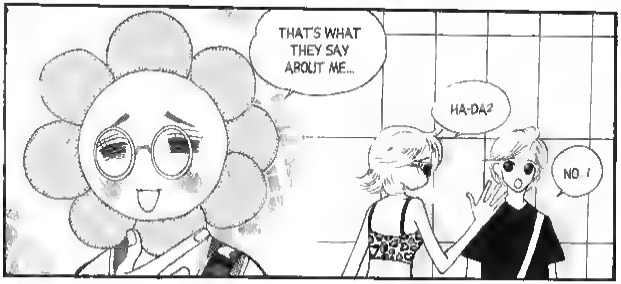
I'M SO HAPPY TO SEE YOU...!! YOU'VE GROWN UP TO BE SO CUTE!
UH..

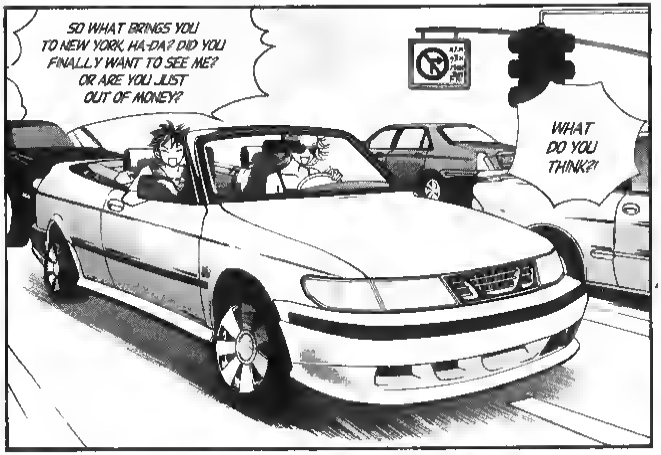
MOM! ARE YOU NUTS?!
AH!

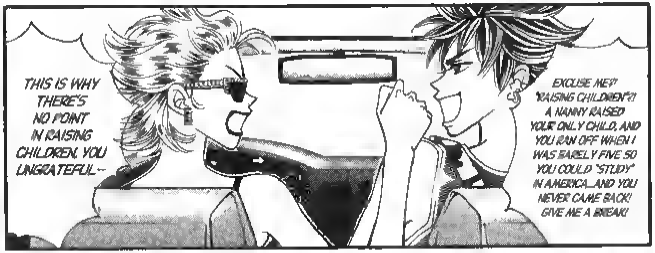
WHAT KIND OF MOTHER DOESN'T RECOGNIZE HER OWN SON'S FACE?!

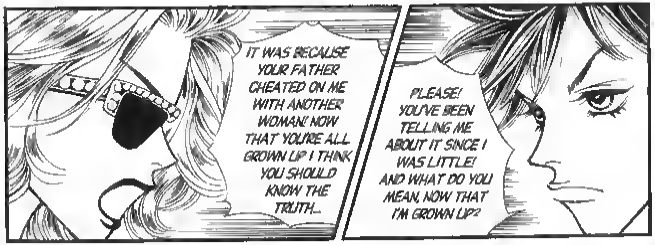
IS IT YOU, HA-DA?
NOW, DON'T START CRYING, MOM.
HA-DA... MY BABY!
HEY, LADY!!


MOM!! CUT IT OUT! ARE YOU GOING SENILE?!
MY SON WOULDN'T BE A DELINQUENT LIKE YOU!!
HE'S A PRETTY BOY!


THAT'S WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT ME...
HA-DA?
NO !


SO WHAT BRINGS YOU TO NEW YORK, HA-DA? DID YOU FINALLY WANT TO SEE ME? OR ARE YOU JUST OUT OF MONEY?
WHAT DO YOU THINK?!


THIS IS WHY THERE'S NO POINT IN RAISING CHILDREN, YOU UNGRATEFUL--
EXCUSE ME?! "RAISING CHILDREN"?! A NANNY RAISED YOUR ONLY CHILD, AND YOU RAN OFF WHEN I WAS BARELY FIVE SO YOU COULD "STUDY" IN AMERICA...AND YOU NEVER CAME BACK! GIVE ME A BREAK!


IT WAS BECAUSE YOUR FATHER CHEATED ON ME WITH ANOTHER WOMAN! NOW THAT YOU'RE ALL GROWN UP I THINK YOU SHOULD KNOW THE TRUTH...
PLEASE! YOU'VE BEEN TELLING ME ABOUT IT SINCE I WAS LITTLE! AND WHAT DO YOU MEAN, NOW THAT I'M GROWN UP?

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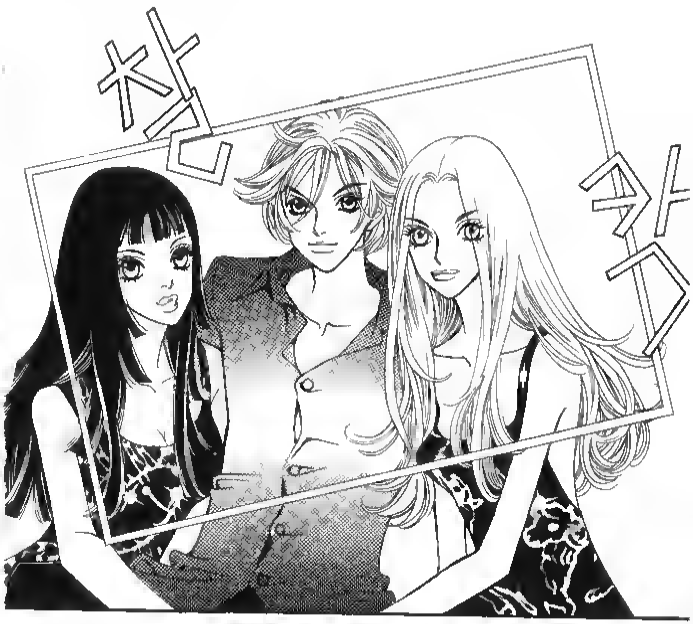
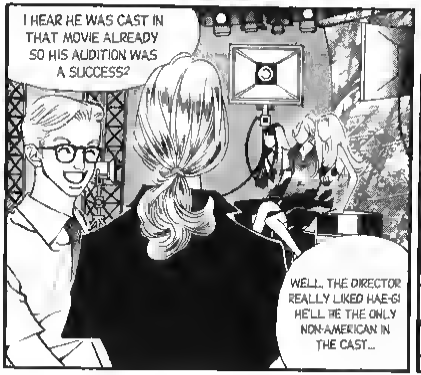
I HAVE? HEE HEE!! WELL, WHATEVER YOUR REASONS ARE IT'S NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN SWEETIE..
NOW TELL ME WHAT YOU'RE DOING COMING ALL THE WAY HERE...
WITHOUT TELLING YOUR FATHER...
ONE WAY
I don't think I can do this

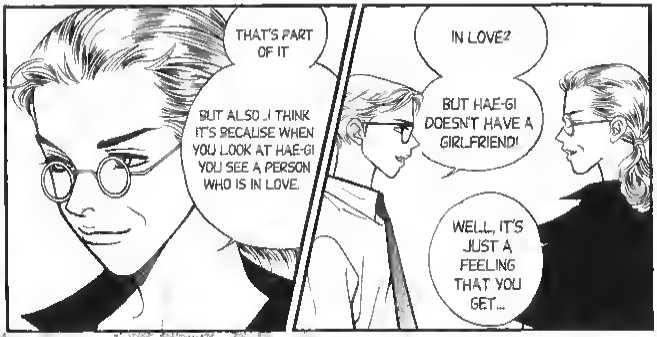
Even though I came all the way here
Money from his mom.
BAR
...everything here seems so strange

I just wanted to see him again But...I feel like we've been apart far too long now I just can't my heart is pounding and my head is ringing...I'm sorry. Ro Mo...



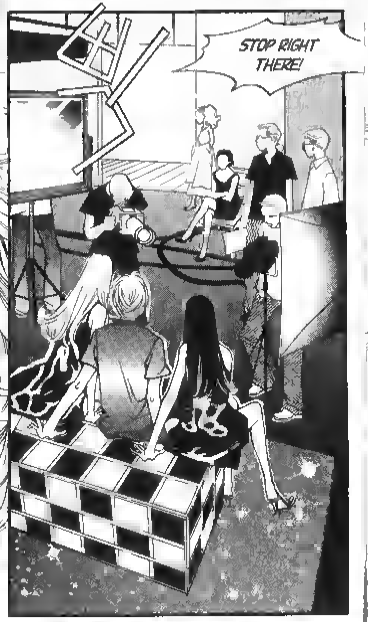

I HEAR HE WAS CAST IN THAT MOVIE ALREADY SO HIS AUDITION WAS A SUCCESS?
WELL... THE DIRECTOR REALLY LIKED HAE-G! HE'LL BE THE ONLY NON-AMERICAN IN THE CAST...

I GUESS THAT DIRECTOR IS DOING SO WELL. HE PRETTY MUCH GETS HIS WAY LUCKY HAE-G!
IT'S NOT LUCK. IT'S BECAUSE OF THE FEELING YOU GET WHEN YOU LOOK AT HIM.
HIS CHARISMA?

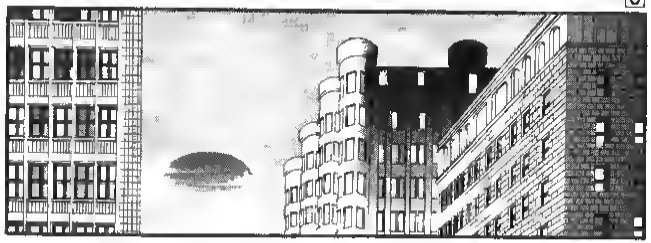

THAT'S PART OF IT
BUT ALSO ..I THINK IT'S BECAUSE WHEN YOU LOOK AT HAE-GI YOU SEE A PERSON WHO IS IN LOVE.
IN LOVE?
BUT HAE-GI DOESN'T HAVE A GIRLFRIEND!
WELL.. IT'S JUST A FEELING THAT YOU GET...

SSOJI MASEYO! NAN OH HAE-GI-E CHINGU IMNIDA OH HAE-GI!! OH HAE-GI!!
*Don t shoot! I'm a friend of Hae-Gi Oh!
WHAT?!
CAN SOMEONE TELL ME WHAT THIS KID IS SAYING?

HAE-GI!! THEY TOLD ME THIS WAS WHERE YOU WERE WORKING!!


STOP RIGHT THERE!

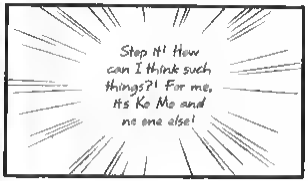
IT'S OKAY! HE'S MY FRIEND!!



GOOD JOB EVERYBODY!!
HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!
HAE-GI WON'T YOU RECONSIDER AND COME TO OUR PARTY?
SORRY
OH PLEASE YOU KNOW HAE-GI NEVER GOES OUT LEAVE HIM ALONE.

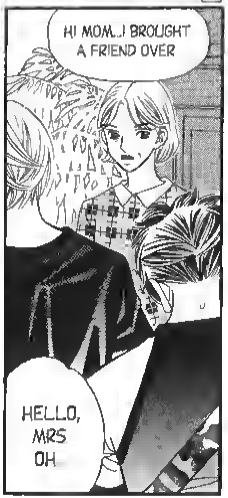
BYE!

I'm so jealous... Working with all these beautiful girls every day...how lucky can a guy get?


Stop it! How can I think such things?! For me, it's Ke Mo and no one else!

CAN'T BELIEVE YOUR FRIEND CAME ALL THE WAY FROM KOREA. YOU GUYS HAVE FUN THIS WEEKEND!
THANKS!

HELLO


HI MOM...I BROUGHT A FRIEND OVER
HELLO, MRS OH

WOW...I GUESS YOU'RE DOING REALLY WELL.
LOOK AT THIS PLACE...
THE COMPANY FOUND IT FOR US. IT'S REALLY NO BIG DEAL.

REALLY YOU DIDN'T NEED TO BRING ME IN...
ALTHOUGH I WANTED TO COME.
WE CAN TALK AT A CAFE...OR SOMETHING...
IF I DON'T COME HOME AFTER WORK, MY MOTHER GETS WORRIED.

BESIDES, DIDN'T YOU WANT TO FIND OUT WHERE I LIVED?

HE'S AN EXCHANGE STUDENT I MET AT SCHOOL...
WELL. PLEASE COME IN!!
THANKS! IT'S NICE TO MEET YOU.

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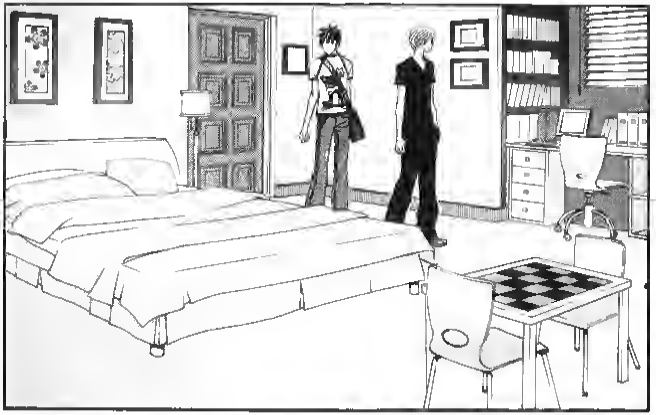
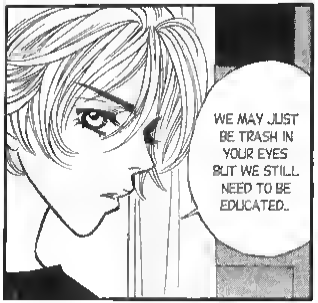
WHERE'S KO-MO??



CAN WE JUST FORGET ABOUT MY ASSHOLE FATHER AND WHAT HE'S DONE?
I'M JUST HERE FOR MYSELF!

BY THE WAY KO-MO'S STILL AT SCHOOL.

SCHOOL?


WE MAY JUST BE TRASH IN YOUR EYES BUT WE STILL NEED TO BE EDUCATED..

WHY ARE YOU HERE ANYWAY?

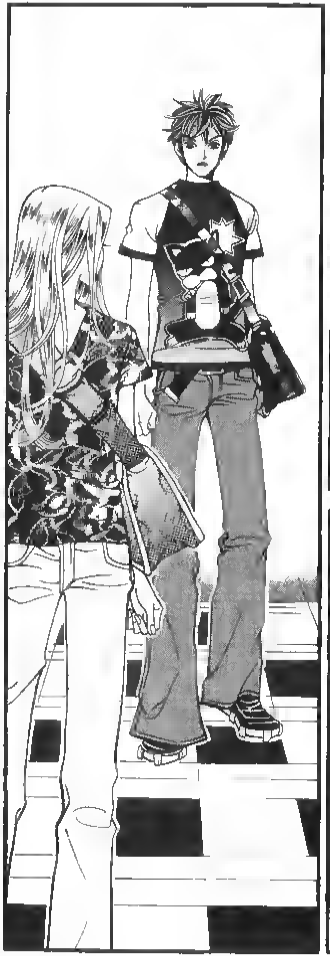
WHY AREN'T YOU ASKING ME ABOUT SO-NA?

I THINK YOU SHOULD GO BACK TO KOREA
DON'T YOU WANT TO KNOW HOW SHE'S DOING? LATELY SHE'S BEEN--
SHUT UP!

IT'S BEEN A WHILE NOW SINCE YOU'VE SEEN EACH OTHER AREN'T YOU STILL CURIOUS?
DON'T YOU WONDER WHAT SHE'S DOING? IF SHE'S CHANGED? AREN'T YOU WORRIED...?
SOMEDAY I'LL SEE HER AND TELL HER HOW SORRY I AM...AND TALK TO HER FOR MYSELF UNTIL THEN, I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ABOUT HER.

EVERY MOMENT...
...OF EVERY DAY...
...I WANT TO SEE HER.
I HAVEN'T CHANGED AT ALL.
IF YOU STILL CARE ABOUT SO-NA, WHY HAVEN'T YOU TRIED TO SEE HER? YOU HAVEN'T EVEN TRIED CALLING HER. HAVE YOU?!
ARE YOU KIDDING? THE SAME THING WILL JUST HAPPEN AGAIN.
ARE YOU REALLY IN THAT MUCH DENIAL ABOUT WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON?
JUST I'M GOING TO BECOME A HUGE SUCCESS AND THEN, WHEN I'M AN ADULT, I'LL GO BACK AND NO ONE WILL BE ABLE TO SEPARATE US OR STOP ME FROM FINDING HER!
BUT...WHAT IF IT'S TOO LATE?
WHAT IF SHE FALLS FOR SOMEONE ELSE WHILE SHE TRIES TO FORGET YOU?

What love is



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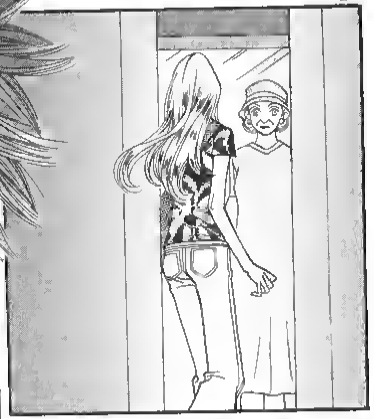
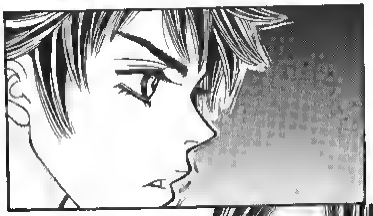
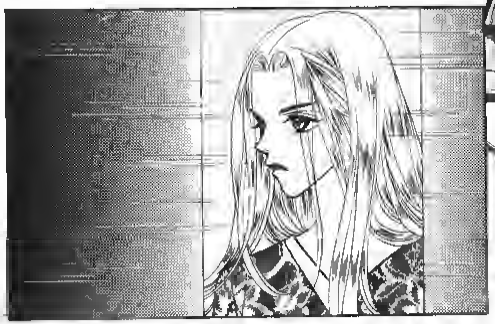
It's Ko-Mo!

I'm so happy!







The pounding in my heart...why do I hesitate?

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SO WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO? SORRY MY BUSINESS TRIP TOOK LONGER THAN I EXPECTED

I HOPE YOU LIKE THESE! THEY SAY ALL THE GIRLS ARE INTO THEM THESE DAYS...
JUST BECAUSE IT'S YOUR LAST YEAR BEFORE COLLEGE DOESN'T MEAN YOU SHOULD STUDY EVERY DAY. YOU NEED A LITTLE FUN NOW AND THEN TO UNWIND--
HMPH. I DON'T NEED ANY MORE FUN THAN I ALREADY HAVE-- BECAUSE I DON'T STUDY AT ALL.
HAVE YOU DECIDED TO JUST THROW AWAY YOUR ENTIRE LIFE?!
ARE YOU STILL HUNG UP ON THAT BOY?
YOU CAN ASK ANYONE! NO PARENT WOULD CONSENT TO A RELATIONSHIP IN THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES!!
SO IT'S ALL RIGHT TO HAVE HIM NEARLY KILLED, AND THEN BANISH HIS WHOLE FAMILY TO ANOTHER COUNTRY?! NO ONE HAS THE RIGHT TO TREAT PEOPLE THAT WAY!!

YOU TOTALLY ABUSE YOUR POWER, FATHER! I WILL NEVER FORGIVE YOU— NOT UNTIL THE DAY I DIE!
SHUT UP!!
He's hit me before but never like that...this time it was different
When I was younger I could see him always holding back despite his violent temper maybe because he felt sorry for me
But now he must be so tired of having a child like me...
I'm sorry, Father I'm sorry

But How-Gi's family being exiled because of me—it's too much! I feel so guilty! It makes me feel even worse than not being able to see him. I don't bring anything but trouble...
I'm so useless... I can't even run away. I feel so powerless—so frustrated...
to anyone...anywhere
SO-NA, YOU DON'T SEEM TO HAVE ANY AMBITION. ISN'T THERE ANYTHING YOU WANT TO DO? I WANT TO DO SO MANY THINGS...
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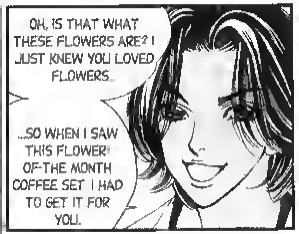
I THINK I KNOW WHAT YOUR PROBLEM IS! IT'S BECAUSE YOU DON'T NEED ANYTHING FROM LIFE. IT'S LIKE THEY SAY "A FULL BELLY NEVER FEELS HUNGER"
WHEN IT'S A STRUGGLE JUST TO LIVE AND EAT THERE'S NO TIME TO GET DEPRESSED!
OUR FAMILY IS SO POOR. I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF THEY CAN MAKE MY NEXT TUITION PAYMENT! BUT I'M ALWAYS HAPPY
I JUST KEEP TELLING MYSELF THAT SOMEDAY I'LL MAKE LOTS OF MONEY AND LIVE IN A BIG HOUSE...
YOU NEED A GOAL IN LIFE, SO-NA
HEY!

January
I HOPE SOMEDAY YOU'LL WANT TO MAKE ME COFFEE, AND SERVE IT IN THESE...

FOR YOU
HMM, JANUARY'S FLOWER THE SNOW DROP..
WHAT? "SNOW DROP"?


OH, IS THAT WHAT THESE FLOWERS ARE? I JUST KNEW YOU LOVED FLOWERS...
...SO WHEN I SAW THIS FLOWER OF-THE MONTH COFFEE SET I HAD TO GET IT FOR YOU.

DON'T BE COY...YOU KNEW PERFECTLY WELL WHAT THAT FLOWER WAS
HEY, BE NICE!

IF YOU WANT NICE, GO FIND SOME OTHER GIRL... I THINK THERE ARE PLENTY WHO'D BE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU...
NO LET'S GO OUT
WHAT?

YOU SAID YOU COULD USE ME TO FORGET ABOUT HAE-GI...

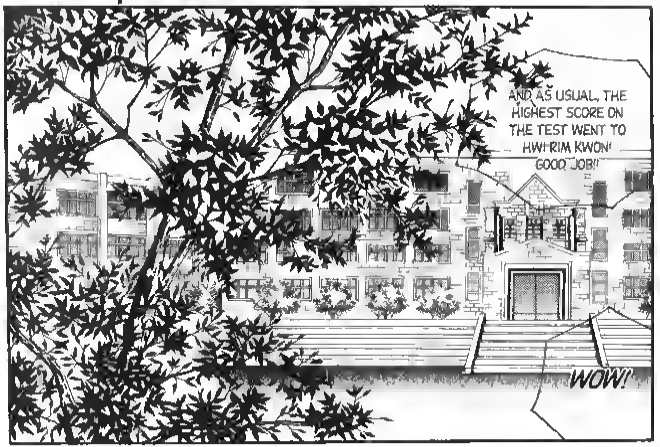
EVERYONE FALLS IN LOVE FOR DIFFERENT REASONS
BECAUSE SOMEONE LOOKS LIKE A PERSON THEY ONCE LIKED

...BECAUSE SOMEONE IS THEIR IDEAL... BECAUSE SOMEONE IS NICE. BECAUSE THEY CAN TALK TO THE OTHER PERSON OR TO FORGET SOMEONE ELSE...
...THOSE ARE ALWAYS TRUE. LOVE CAN START. DON'T YOU THINK?
WHY DO YOU LIKE ME, HWI-RIM?
WELL... YOU'RE PRETTY.. YOU'RE MY TYPE.. AND YOU'RE VERY SMART!

I'M NOT INTERESTED IN GOING OUT WITH YOU— YET. I KNOW I SAID I WOULD USE YOU TO FORGET HAE-GI, BUT
...I THINK I NEED TO WAIT UNTIL I FIND SOMEONE I LIKE.
YOU STILL DON'T LIKE ME?
HOW MUCH NICER DO I HAVE TO BE?
THINK ABOUT EVERYTHING THAT YOU'VE DONE!!
WHO WOULD LIKE SUCH A HORRIBLE, PERVERTED JER--
OKAY OKAY TELL ME SOMETHING ELSE--WHY DO YOU SEEM SO DRAINED OF ENERGY THESE DAYS?
I'M JUST TIRED. LOOK THANKS FOR THE PRESENT I'LL SEE YOU LATER.

Her plants are such a mess
...and she seems so drained. her smile is almost transparent

Part 32: Water Lily
Open-Heartedness



KWON HWI-RIM!!
We're in class
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?! IN THE MIDDLE OF CLASS?
WHERE ARE WE GOING?
LET GO OF ME!!
AREN'T YOU INTO BEING A STAR STUDENT?! YOU CAN'T JUST RUN OUT OF SCHOOL LIKE THIS!
WHO CARES? LET'S HAVE SOME FUN!
HUH?
WHAT?

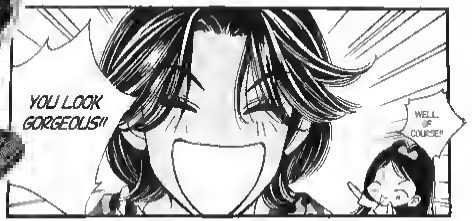
TIME TO PLAY HOOKY!!
HEY!
OH MY!! COME ON IN, PLEASE!!
IT'S BEEN WAY TOO LONG SINCE WE SAW YOU!

LOOK AT THAT!
OOH, OOH DOESN'T SHE HAVE AN EYE FOR FASHION.
PICK OUT WHATEVER YOU WANT THIS BOUTIQUE SELLS THE MOST INTERESTING STUFF IN ALL OF KOREA.

HOW DO YOU LIKE THIS ONE?
OH, SO DASHING!!
Ee! Ee!
ARGH...

I'VE GOT MY LOOK! MILITARY HIP HOP!
WHAT ARE YOU GETTING, SO-HA?

LOOK, I'M LIKE A PRINCESS...
SO PRETTY!!
She picked the most expensive outfit they had


YOU LOOK GORGEOUS!!
WELL, OF COURSE!

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SHOP

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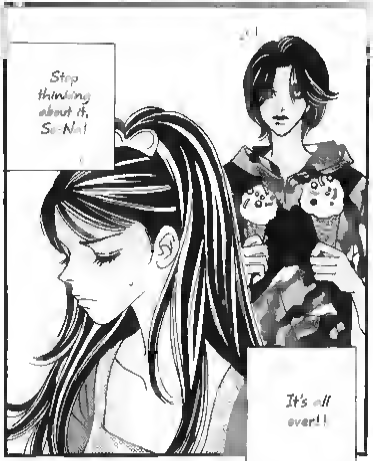
C'mon sweetie

...we never even went on a single real date...ah...
I always wanted to come here with Hee Gi
I wish I could see him just once, even if it was from far away. I wonder how much he's changed?


Stop thinking about it, So-Na!
It's all over!!

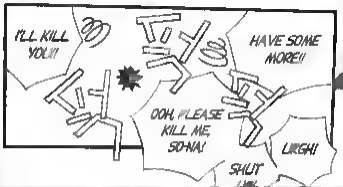
SO-NA, YOU'VE GOTTA TRY THIS ICE CREAM. IT'S AMAZING!

IT'S SO BIG!
IT'S JUST LIKE MY HEART--IT'S BIG AND IT MELTS FOR YOU, AND IT'S SWEET AND TANGY AND COOL--

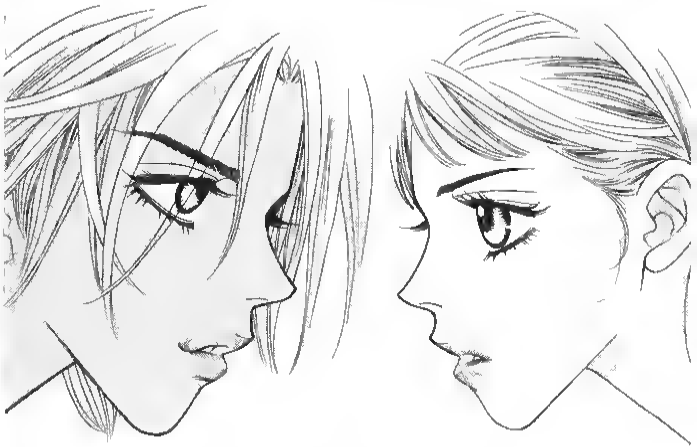
OH PUH LEASE...
OH... I WISH YOU'D DEVOUR ME LIKE THAT...!

STUPID IDIOT!!
YOU'RE SO GROSS!
HERE! DEVOUR THIS!!
OOF!

OKAY WELL, YOU HAVE THIS, THEN!!
AGH!!
Crazy bastard.


I'LL KILL YOU!!
HAVE SOME MORE!!
OOH, PLEASE KILL ME, SO-NA!
URGH!
SHUT

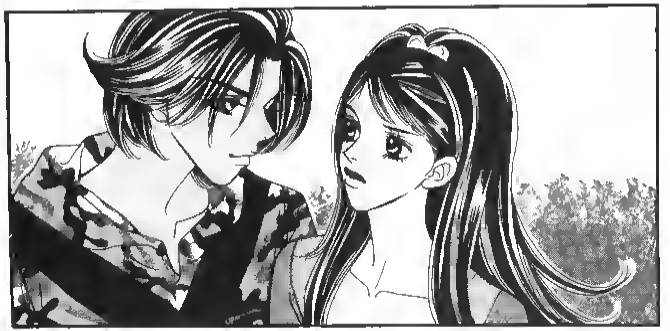
WHAT A STUBBORN GIRL. YOU NEVER GIVE UP. DO YOU? NO MATTER HOW PETTY...
DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN MAKE A GOOD WIFE AND MOTHER WITH THAT PERSONALITY?
OH LOOK WHO'S TALKING.
DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN RUN YOUR FAMILY COMPANY? YOU'RE THE MOST IRRESPONSIBLE PERSON I KNOW
...YOU'LL PROBABLY BE CUT OUT OF YOUR GRANDFATHER'S WILL. SOON, ANYWAY..
BONK

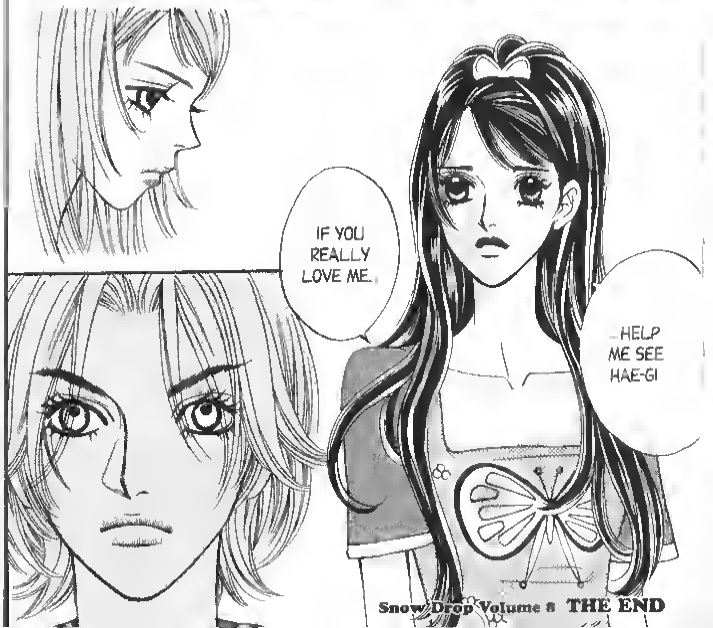


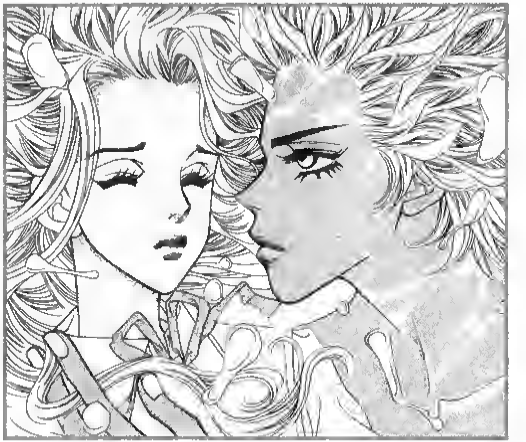
MAYBE BUT FIRST I'M GONNA EAT!
YOU'RE HOPELESS!
FINE. I'M OUTTA HERE.

SO-NA
TAKE ME
SERIOUSLY.
WHEN I SENT YOU OFF
WITH HAE-GI I PROMISED
MYSELF SOMETHING. IF YOU
EVER CAME BACK, I WOULD
NEVER LOSE YOU AGAIN.

I LOVE YOU
SO-NA.




IF YOU REALLY LOVE ME...
...HELP ME SEE HAE-GI



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